

HARWOOD DIARIES

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MONDAY, JAN'Y 14 Cold in the morning - but calm - afterwards wind arose and blew a tremendous gale from N.W. - lasted from 10 A.M. to a late hour P.M. Gradually calmed down - leaving a cloud less sky. 100 sheaves wheat threshed by B. Harwood - 10 lds stone drawn for barn foundation by self & G.P. Bill lumber made out ready for B. Lyon amt'g to \$103.47".

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 15 Fair, very cold morning. Soon wind arose from the S. & increased to another gale - not equal to that of the 14th - snowed slightly in the eve'g. Threshing wheat continued. 10 lds stone drawn by G.P. & self, former complained much of the severity of the weather. Mr Wight in the eve'g returned from visiting friends in Shaftsbury - bro't with him 3 Vols more of Rollin. Had not yet read the last Proclamation of Gov. Hayne, S. Carolina.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 16 A little rainy in the morning - continued thaw'g most of the day, came round cold at night. Would up drawing stone for this time with 4 loads. A quantity of wheat was winnowed & drawn into the shed loft where it was deposited in bin. Cous. N.L. Robinson came up, late in the eve'g calculating to go to Troy with us - wind blew tremendously - dark & cloudy - Preparation was made for going to Troy.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 17 Very cold, wind N.W., coldest known the present year. Ground frozen solid as adamant. Hudson R. shut in completely. Joined company with N.L. Robinson in going to Troy - furnishing horse & waggon. Started with wife & cous Marg't about 8 in the morning - halted at Chandler's & had gripe fixed on wheel - borrowed box coat at H. Waters' - ladies halted at Coffin's - We proceeded forward with all the speed the travelling would admit - Halted at Hayne's & at Staunton's - at the latter house saw an intemperate man who was a great Jackson man - his professions were loud & boisterous - Went down Labsingburgh road - Called at Hedges' - large nails \$7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - shingle nails \$8 - Between 7 & 8 arrived at Capt E. Waters'. Too cold to go shopping. Perused papers, went to bed late Capt W. & Mr Hendrick appeared to entertain many customers among whom were Mr Gar't Hellen & his friend John Simpson of Hoosick - the former related many anecdotes of Capt Hudang with whom he claimed intimate acquaintance - had been dead nearly 40 years.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 18 Much more mild than on the 17th - pretty pleas't a part of the day - became very angry & portentous at night - wind changed to N.W. Grew cold very fast in the evening. We ran from store to store buying up such articles as we stood in need of - including a bill of \$14.66 at the Dry Good Store of E. & W. Carpenter - Bo't 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ bhls grass seed at Benton's - paid therefor \$3.75. Had molasses, sugar,

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1833 tea &c &c. at Arnold's on cr. \$8.13" - Returned to the captains - sat up late again - Mr Carpenter came over to say to me that we might take what we liked at his or their store next morning - Agreed so to do. Evening extrmely cold.

SATURDAY, JAN 19 An extraordinary cold clear morning, coldest known the present season. We industriously wound up our business by getting indebted to E.W. Carpenter for dry goods - to am't of \$39.91"

which together with the Arnold's came to \$48.04". We were off without delay, after bidding good bye to cous. Sam and his people - rec'd fine treatment from Capt W. & his people, also at cous. S's. Drove to G. Snyder's where warmed by good fires - Cous. N.L. amused himself conversing with a round faced teamster with a 4 horse team from Williamstown, M's who likewise halted there. A man of color seemed bound the same way with a team. The next drive came up to Whitney's - 4 Corners - after dark - found some icy places which were attended with some danger & very unpleasant for horses in the act of drawing, having previously dulled up their corks on the solid ground. Cous. N.L. called for a mince pie - the woman ordered it warmed - and we ate it uncerimoniously - paid for the same & drove home by about 8 in the evening. Found here our old friend Ed T. Locke who was in good health, but had a lame foot from a wound with an axe. Family lived in Choconut, Pa., consisting of 4 boys - the eldest of whom was 17 - his wife, never in very good health besides his father, now about 82 years of age, living with his 2d wife, enjoying good health. Owned upward of 100 acres of good land. Said Mr Ezra Doty yet lived - but appeared to be running down a good deal - Much was said - more than can be recollected or written in this place. Hiram Waters had business here this eve'g & tarried over night. Mr Giles & young Chauncy Smedley came up from Williamstown - stabled horse here - visited in town - Miss Eliza S., being a member of Ballard's Seminary - were anxious to be with her.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 20 South wind softened the air so much as to occasion a thaw, which however was but slight. The wind continued strong & remarkably chilly all day. Waters & Robinson left early after breakfast. So did Mr Locke soon afterwards with many & sincere professions of friendship - many incidents of former years having been called up in our recollection. He travelled on horseback, being obliged to carry with him a pair of crutches which he had to use until within 2 or 3 days when he wished to walk. Said his brother Nathaniel R. had removed to another place, 12 miles distant where he carried on the tanning business in Co. with another gentleman - doing well - had a family of 6 children - very religious, even to enthusiasm - Did not think he exercised charity enough towards other Christian brethren of the various sects.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 21 Soft, moderate thawy, mud only thin - remarkably mild for the season. B.R. Sears came on to hewing

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Grandfather & G.P. joined company in that business as scorers. It was my lot to visit Algiers with 2 bbls rye - Doolittle's mill pretty full of men & lively, boys & grain. Visited James Harwood & made settlem't with him - His acc't amt'd to \$8.36 - my note & int. \$10.50 - he gave me an order on his father for \$2.20 to balance. His father was absent, but it was ascertained that his acc't amt'd to \$5.20" My Order & Acc't came together to \$4.20 Took boots & departed - took in grist of wheat flour - Came to Mr Davis' & rec'd paym't in full on note \$13.60 and of Capt C. Hills \$2. in full for cider - talked of the flight of Francis Brackenridge early last week - who having made an assignment of his property to capt. D. Henry - and besides getting his fr'd Turner Hills to endorse for him at some York State Bank for the sum of \$500 - tow'd which Turner had rec'd only \$40 in hides or thereabouts - which would

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bear peculiarly hard upon him as he had but lately commenced business and therefore a good deal involved on account of setting up works &c.- made off with himself. Came up to Coffins' & had 2 wood saws filed - called at Mr Hollisters to see Miss Chamberlin - she was away - came home - attended to cattle, hogs &c. Entertained our friend Charles Grimes who in 1820 was in the employm't of E. Montague, who then drove the mason business. Charles Barney had the remains of a child 18 mo's old buried this day - The funeral was numerously attended.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 22 Continued very mild, fine for the season. Carried off a cheese weighing 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs, made Oct 6 1832 - delivered 25 lbs to T. Davis on acc't & 24 do to John Harwood - all at 7" pr lb - \$1.75 to the former & \$1.67 to the latter. Rec'd flour of rye and buckwheat at the mill - called at Aus B. & Co's bo't 4 papers London Pat pins at 14" & 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs candle wicking at 30". Aust. gone to Troy - E.D. Waters chief clerk. Visited Sanf'd & Brown's - bo't 2 oz s.oil 6" on acc't. Went to the P.O. - saw Dr Millington who expatiated pretty freely on Phrenology. On Monday, if I mistake not, forwarded to E. Lyon by mail my bill lumber mentioned on the 14th with the addition of 1 more pair rafters for barn, inserted therein. B.R. Sears contin'd hewing timber - father, G.P. & Mr Wight scorers - The last went to singing school - Adeline also - having been absent from School at Acad. 21st & 22d. C. Grimes took leave late A.M.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 23 No material change in the weather. Hewing long heavy timber was now bro't to a close by our fr'd B.R. Sears. Three of said timbers, one of which was remarkably fine, were black oak procured by our carpenter on S.H. Brown's Street Lot - to answer on acc't of timber lent him in May 1831. A part of our employm't consisted in running these down the mount'n endwise which afforded no small amusement - 3 forty ft timbers measuring 120 ft

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THURSDAY, JAN'Y 24 S.w'd or rather S.E. w'd blew up teadiously chilly, cldy - very dark some part of the eve'g. Didn't stable cows at night. Hay stack all gone I think on the morning of the 22d - S. jog of the E. hay-mow not yet much lower than floor girt. A large 40 ft oak sill in the S. part of our woods, was by some assistance of S.W. Daniels, started from its bed & drawn over N. into the hollow W. of the Grove ready for blocksledding. Besides some few timbers hewn in the afores'd Valley - a fine beech beam for cheese press was ~~got~~ got out in excellent style by B.R. Sears, who also laid out and assisted in making block-sled-tong - very good one. Friend Wight went abroad visiting his friends. The Spect. of Jan 17 was procured by me at Maj L Norton's - saw Miss C. Loomis spinning stocking yarn - Marched up that gent's lane in order to drive cows home from Norman's cornfield - S. of our Grove - mey Sylv's W. Daniels coming home with wagg. ld wd - said he should soon get out corn for market - price paid at the mill 75 cts pr bhl. Foreign News respecting Antwerp very interesting. Cows not stabled at night. During our visit to Troy the wint. wh't was all threshed out & stored in shed loft - amounting to 32 bbls - to supply us u til first of Sept. 1833.

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FRIDAY, JAN'Y 25 Cloudy, thawy, surface muddy. Hauling long timber on block sled with oxen made up the business of G.P & self. Father found occupation for himself at home or say about wood-pile. Mr Wight went to Aus B. & Co's in the morning for Mrs Harwood to get raisins & cinnamon - afterwards visited Shaftsbury & returned in the evening. Mrs S. Harwood made up a quantity of mince pies. Let us say it snowed slightly this morning - Became cold at night.

SATURDAY, JAN 26 Severe in the morning - High cold w'd from N.W. Continued getting home timber - including one bass-wood saw log. Friend Wight assisted in cutting up wood pile - broke axe blade so as to injure it thereby to some am't - some jokes were afterwards exchanged and upon his saying he was sorry for it, we pronounced it made up in full. Evening most spent in perusing papers. B.R. Bears had lately hewn for us 837 feet square timber for barn - nearly the whole of which was now on the gr'd ready for framing. Adeline did not come home from H.Waters - was sent for P.M., but Hopk's without her because she was gone to a party.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 27 Rather pleasant - snug winter weather - cloudy w'd S. at night. Lydia, Margaret & Sally went to meeting so also did Mr Wight, and all spoke highly of the fine sermon delivered by Hooker in the early part of the day - founded on the words spoke by Festus to St Paul, Acts 26 v. 24. H.Waters was said to have been at Church. Late in the day Sylv's W. Daniels spent a short time cracking butternuts with us. During the day perused Dean Swift's Poetical description of the Battle of the Books of Ancient & Modern Authors in St James Library - in which the former came off victorious. Reading news from Antwerp kept me up late. Rec'd a line from Aunt Sarah Robinson requesting information respecting the Harwood ancestry.

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Died this day in East Village at the residence of his daughter in his 61st year Mr Horatio Clark, of pulmonary consumption - formerly of the firm of Hunt & Clark, Clock & Watch makers, near the centre meeting house, but recently, or rather in the latter part of his days, very low in his circumstances in consequence of following too closely the fashion of those days which led to a course of intemperance which ultimately ruined a very good man. His wife, who was a fine woman, died 1819.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 28 Severe, especially in the morning, thin clouds with now & then a little shower of snow. Completed sledging home all the hewn timber & saw logs from the woods. Isaac Allen felled a certain maple tree in Gen Robinson's woods which he said he had leave to cut provided I would say how much wood it contained - feeling myself an incompetent judge - referred the matter to father who gave in that it contained $1\frac{3}{4}$ cords - which was also the opinion of Isaac himself.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 29 Cloudy & cold in the morning - toward evening grew moderate - appearances seemed to warrant a supply of snow soon. Geo P. waited upon our friend Wight to Williamstown. This is a mistake. Did not go until next day. We drew up in the morning a load of apple tree & another of whitewood and then piled our square timber for barn in a grand pile on a piece of ground formerly improved as a garden - now composing a part of the S. mead - a short distance S.

of the barn yard - Mr Wight returned from visiting his friends - particularly at Harmon's. Late in the day I visited E.Village - Rec'd measur for box coat, dandy do, common do & pantaloons. Spent sometime in the shop of B.Squire - hearing remarks on the South by H.Deming, Mr Allen & a journeyman Tinman - showing the natural productions of the country - habits & manners of the people. Acc't of wood ticks etc. On the 28th lent to S.Chandler twenty five dollars in money to be returned in March with use and the S.H.Brown cutter to go over the mountain by way of Reedsboro - Requested him to inquire for a girl suitable to hire next season - said he would. Politicks engaged warmly our attention. Viewed Mr Calhoun & his friends to be altogether lost in unprofitable theories - brains turned.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 30 Gloomy singular weather - thick clds - foggy on the mountains - Moderate - rather thawy. G.P. in due season drove off with our friend Wight for "Bill's Town" to serve another Tem at at College. He provided himself with a little stock of provisions & some other notions convenient in boarding himself. Regulated papers & copied accounts for H.Waters at his house. Father regulated barn affairs - looked after other concerns & shod ox-sled. On Tuesday Miss L.Harwood & cous. Marg't visited at uncle Sam. Robinson's - the latter did not return with the former that evening. Heard Southw'th read letter from H. Hall, M.C.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 31 Snowed pretty freely awhile in the morning, contin'd moderately until past noon - cleared up very cold in the evening. Contin'd busy at H.Waters', much as on the 30th. G.P. arrived from W'town - landed Mr W. safely - staid over night at L.Smedley's - Old gent had lost debt of \$50.

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FRIDAY, FEB'Y 1 Fine and remarkably cold, moon shone splendidly in the eve'g. Contin'd in the employm't afores'd. G.P. transport'd sawlogs to the Olin & Colvin mill. Father took care at home. H.Waters when at home assisted in looking up & arranging his papers & acc'ts - Spent two days of the present in hunting foxes - the last being on Thursday - accomp'd by Isaac Hathaway & S.H.Brown. Toiled all day & caught nothing. Thomas Ault Jr came to H.W's. The young beaux & belles had a party at J.Norton's, E.Village in the selection of which some partialities were committed highly grating to the sensibilities of some of the Misses aggrieved.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 2 Few colder mornings are ever seen in these parts, continued very sharp through the day. Much the same business employed all hands as heretofore mentioned. G.P. went twice to the saw-mill with logs & was the bearer of \$5.85" money from H.Waters' to H.Tuttle, which I lent to the former. At night H.Waters paid the same & 15 cs besides. J.Milton Olin of Shaftsbury made final payment for building his house, on note which H.Waters had mislaid & could not find, but both agreed as to the construction of it - being on demand - which Olin argued could draw no interest until after being demanded. W. said otherwise & upon offering to refer it to business men, went out together to Ishaam's office where Ishaam, Canfield & S.H.Blackmer, who unanimously, on the case being laid before them, decided that such notes drew interest from the moment they were given. So Mr O.paid

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interest & took a rec't for the Note. It was ascertained that the business of H.Waters for 2 years past had averaged in am't over \$1700 annually - we mean his jobs &c. The eve'g was spent by H.W. in making a portrait box for Mr Chapin & by me in fixing & adding acc'ts between ~~my~~ himself & us, which, exclusive of my services at this time & Adeline's board the present school term - stood thus - H.Harwood's \$119.17 - H. Waters \$106.88 leaving a balance in favor of the former amounting to \$12.29, for which a due bill was given. A proviso was made for mistakes - one of these I discovered which was occasioned by an oversight in casting - \$2.54 being set to the right of the column of figures that I added, so that my demand should be \$14.83 - it being committed in my book.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 3d Continued very cold all day - Snow thin. Cous Marg returned in the eve'g with our ladies from church - G.P. waited upon them. Cous. N.L.Robinson paid us a visit. Granny Billings was said to be very low - not expected to survive long. The siege of Antwerp now occupied much attention.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 4 So cold this morning as to be 8 degrees below zero. Very fine & fair all day & thawed a little in exposed situations. Geo P. continued drawing logs. I started off for H. Waters' in the morning in order to pursue

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business as mentioned in the preceding week - but meeting him in Co with Benj R.Sears and brother going to chopping in the woods of Gen'l Robinson & therefore not wishing to employ me - I was off elsewhere, after first explaining to him respecting the mistake in adding my acc't as set down on Saturday, with which he was satisfied. Visited the store of Franklin Blackmer who mentioned to me the late dissolution of partnership between L.Pachin & himself, and that the latter rec'd all the acc'ts up to that date - Mine turned out to be only 20", which was paid without hesitation. J.Ballard was present trying to bring up a recollection on the part of Frank, of his having paid about 7 years ago last fall on acc't \$5. in money - the former said Aaron Norton was present at the time. Nothing appeared on book to prove it. F.said if he could be convinced it was so it should be allowed. Marched to Mr Davis tailor shop by whose direction bo't at Aust B & Co's several articles by way of trimmings for coats, entered on handbook. At s'd shop saw Capt O.Abel who said he should be 60 years of age in April next. There was also our friend Willard Green attentively perusing his Hymn Book. Gave some instruction to Mr D. as to the skirts of my fine coat which I requested might be a little wider than the pres't mode. Came up to the Post Office & staid a good while reading papers and hearing observations from Mr Amidon & Dr Millington on Nullification & Protection of Manufactures, which suited me well. Visited the Printing Office where bo't on cr. of Darius Clark a day book in which to enter a/c's - price 63 - previous to this s'd Clark owed me as stated in his book \$2.01 - See Jan 2d 1833 - Came down to H.Waters' - made short call - soon returned home & meeting H.Waters & B.R.Sears at our house, young Charles in Co. who all came down to eat their provision - A bill of timber partly from minutes entered on Jour'l Apl 23d & May 19, & an original bill, 1831, was made out to them of what they had borrowed at that time. H.Waters 346 ft sqr timber & 9 poles & B.R.Sears 91 ft sqr timber & 23 spruce poles - furnished the former gent with a statement of what would be

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required in building barn in writing to be his guide in procuring the same. They conditionally engaged to come down with their ladies for an evening visit - We prepared accordingly - but rec'd no company.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 5 Not so cold as it had been - calm & hazy. Great circle around the sun - signs of storm. G.P. completed getting sawlogs to the Olin & C. sawmill, 13 in number - 7 bass, 3 butternut, 2 oak & 1 maple - afterwards he drew 1 ld wood ~~for~~ from Gen'l R's woods to W. Haswell's for B.R. Sears - I assisted at loading besides sawing wood with father & procuring N.Y. Spect of Jan 24-28 at Maj. Luman's where first noticed alteration of shop - the turning apartment now occupying the whole area of the building as it was previous to removal from the ground it occupied N. of his father's house. David Sibley the only workman present. Perused said paper in the evening - Siege of Citadel of Antwerp very interesting - many brave men perished during the operation - War is a dreadful game - how little is made by the Great of the many little fry that freely sacrifice their lives in war.

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WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 6 Snowed powerfully most of the day principally from S.W. - wibd tow'd eve'g hauled round to N.W. & caused extreme cold weather. It was a tedious day. Father walked with me to H. Waters' where the chief part of my time was given up to writing for H. Waters & regulating papers - the former after staying 2 or 3 hour ret'd home & looked to concerns there. Geo P. oiled harness & bro't home grist from mill.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 7 Severe indeed - high N.W. wind driving before it fine snow that continued flying most of the day - snow enough now for pretty good sleighing. Walked abroad to Montague's to offer myself as clerk a day or 2, M. having informed me on Wed. Eve'g as he was returning from Carpenter's that he was in want of 2 hands in writing acc'ts - The man was just ready to ride away - could not attend to business today - would give notice when he would want me - his lady reminded him that Judge Stephen could write for him - He said after going to Thomas', he would shortly return & convey me in his jumper up street if I would wait - so I did. During the interval conversed with Mrs M. and perused the Spect. of Jan 24 concerning the siege of the Citadel of Antwerp. About the time of M's arrival Mrs William Haswell & Miss Emma Hicks called in after having been to the house of old Mr Graham & lady and old Mrs (G) Crawford to look after their welfare & bestow Christmas favors - they reported favorably - Also came in our old friend Samuel Fay along with his tenant Mr Whittemore - making short stay - the former saying one of his cows had died yesterday evening in rather a strange way - no satisfactory cause could be assigned for it - she was 15 years old. If I were allowed my guess in the matter it would be that she had not had proper care bestowed on her, perhaps a warm stable & a plentiful supply of good hay would have averted the fatal catastrophe. Mr F. stated that Mr Verplank's New Tariff Bill had been lost by 3 majority - this I was glad to hear, because I conceived the passage of it would do ~~no~~ very little toward relief to the S. & be very dangerous to the interests of the N. Before leaving Mr F. told his cous. Mrs Montague, that he should next week ride down & see Aabt Esther as she was as good an aunt as he ever had. When those ladies mentioned above

departed, they took Mrs M. with them. I was landed by my friend as agreed, on the hill. Must mention that Doct David Rockwood, being thus called on acc't of practice among cattle & horses, being somewhere in Woodford as I understood, with an ox team loaded with wood descending a hill, accidentally falling in front of his team was run upon by the sled the roll of which caught and held him in such a manner as to drag him a number of rods before it could be stopped. Was taken up almost for dead, terribly bruised, raked & scratched as might well be imagined after being thus used. His residence with his family was in one of the houses of Montague - was said to be no better - the accident occurred on Monday. Spent sometime in D. Clark's reading room - saw there H. Fassett, M.L. Selden & Sol Clark - Perused paper - and finally ended the day writing bills of a/c for H. Waters who complained of ill health. Arrived here in the evening.

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On Monday forgot to say Montague had paid up note mentioned on the 1st of Jan \$5.73 including int. difference between my acc't & s'd paym't 28" which I rec'd in full. On Tuesday one of the sons of Jehiel Barnum returning from a visit to Williamstown, made a call during P.M. Very sociable & agreeable. Mont. paid note Jan 11.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 8 Fair, pretty cold, good sleighing & sledding. Geo P. sledded 3 lds wood for B.R. Sears from Rob's woods to W. Haswell's. Served H. Waters again at writing. Prepared among other papers an a/c with Sid. Flagg from which it appeared that he was indebted to H.W. to am't of \$4.45 - full bill against him was \$49.40. Bo't on cr of S.H. Brown or I would say, Sanford & Brown, 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs cotton batting at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cs pr lb. Came home early in the evening - perused acc'ts of Seige of Citadel and Congressional progress &c &c. Hiram Waters was this day much out of health. He had, a day or 2 since, completed hanging a new grindstone in a finely wrought & elegantly painted frame, which he took pleasure in exhibiting to all his household. Our friend, Mr Chapin, the Limner, departed with a number of paintings for Albany & New York toward the latter end of the present week. Cous N.L. Robinson tarried with us over night - said much respecting marriage. Cous Levi Smedley came up from Williamstown with his daughter whom he left at the Seminary - called here & stated that his youngest sister Mafy was shortly to be married to Mr Manning Brown owner of the Capt Kellogg farm - brother of Caleb B. the great cheese-monger. Father was busied in various ways - looking well to the stock &c.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 9 Moderate, cldy, with signs of storm - w'd mainly S. Sawing wood employed father & me. Geo P. got but 2 lds wood for B.R. Sears - Cous. N.L. took his departure in the morning - tho't in regard to the Tariff it ought not to be altered from what it was in July 1832, during this year. In the eve'g, having read Spect. of Jan 31 & Extra of Feb 1 read accounts of Seige & Capture of Citadel - Rec'd company from Hoosick, N.Y. - Henry Parsons & lady, young Mr Burtus & lady - Former couple having been married on the first ult - the latter on the 5th inst - Their horses were loaded down with strings of variously toned bells. The reason why cous. G. drew no more wood was that the neap of the sled rec'd an irreparable injury as he was attempting to take on his 3d load which he afterwards placed upon S.H. Brown's sled - abandoned the service & came home. B's team was in the same employment - 8th & 9th - on the former day Benjamin himself was present & assisted at loading - on the latter was not there - which much retard-

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ed the movement of the teams. Mr Simeon Burtis was on the 5th inst wedded to Miss Annis H. Parsons at Hoosick Falls by the Rev Mr Hazen of the same Village. Mr B. by occupation is a joiner & carp'r. After the arrival of the afores'd H. company, the gent., after first warming a little, drove back to H. Waters' & waited upon Miss A.M. Harwood home to join the party.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 10 Pretty moderate, rain was expected, S. wind prevailed. Cousins G.P. & Marg't & our sister Lydia & son Hopkins went to church. The young

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people from Hoosick drove to E. Village taking Adeline with them & spent most of the day with J. Rogers & lady - had the pleasure of seeing our friend Chatfield there. Papers absorbed my chief attention. Entertained H. Waters, lady & babe who spent the aft. p't of the day in a very friendly manner. Our Hoosick friends ret'd ere night from their eastern excursion, started for home just at dark. Late in the day a short call was made by Miss Marcia Ann Parsons gallanted by her cousin Chatfield - they were on their return from Pown'l to Hoosick Falls.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 11 Cold in the morning, made up a fair winters day. Strong W. & N.W. wind. Father, Hopkins, Miss Lydia & cous. Marg't drove off to Petersburg. Cous. G.P. drew 2 lds wood, after first repairing sled tong, from Rob's woods to Haswell's for B.R. Sears - I assisted at loading - Wrote 2 letters - the one in obedience to the wish of Judge L. Norton to Seth Parsons Esq., Memb. Leg. of N.Y. to request the lowest terms at which he would sell the Chatfield Place, & the other to the P.M. of Greenville, N.Y. stating the fact of having on the morning, Jan 13 1833, entered a letter in the Troy P. Office superscribed Jarvis Stone, Greenville, N. York, requesting to know if such letter had reached his office & to whom it had been delivered - asked a reply in writing.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 12 Snowed more or less during the day, ceased mostly toward night. The Petersburg company arrived nearly night - Left cous. Marg't - found all in tolerable health with the exception of the old gent. now 85 yrs of age, who was quite feeble, & Miss Z. Phillips, who tho' much better than she had been some weeks ago - was still much out of health - sleighing good - came by way of Pownal bridge called at Fosters Tavern - Whipple's Corners - J.F. Billing, Bar Keeper - very full of politeness - waiting upon them most freely, for which they ret'd him a Y'k shilling. One ld wood was drawn for B.R. Sears, comprehending nearly all he had there except a few fragments which were put over to another day. Some wood was sawed and cattle well fed & properly attended to. Past 8 in the eve'g neighbor Brown & lady & friend H. Waters came in & talked off 2 hours very fluently and in a very neighborly manner. H.W. said he should go to Adams on the morrow & must have me with him, so I engaged to go. Perused the greater part of Wilkins Speech on the introduction of the Enforcement Bill, from the Judiciary Committee of which he was Chairman. What he said suited me well.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 13 Stormed furiously from S.E. or N.E. gr't part of the day, great press of wind - fine hail & snow. Arose pretty early preparatory to going with H. Waters to the village of N. Adams - started soon after sunrise - some snow flying - as we got

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along tow'd Pow'l meeting house heard great roaring of wind on the E M'tn & at the summit of the Long Hill the storm met us full in the face - fine hail mixed with snow - quite tedious - after reaching the low grounds, became more calm- sleighing good - Made short call at Stones' M. p't Williamstown. The old gent now in his 73d year.

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appeared quite active, said he had just been reading a pamphlet in which was contained a circumstantial acc't of Indian cruelties & massacres committed last Summer at the N.W. There was an elderly looking man present styled "Doctor" who said he did not much blame the Savages for their conduct. I thought I had some time or other seen that man before, but do not recollect his name. Mr S. enquired my name & residence which being communicated to him he further wished, he further wished to know if I were connected or descended from the Brookfield race of Harwood's? Replied that they were relatives, but distantly so. He said he was well acquainted with that branch of the race. Told him my fathers age & the date of the first settlm't of Bennington, which led on to some historical allusions. He said he was engaged in the operations against Gen'l Burgoyne, 1777, told how the people turned out from all parts of Massachusetts voluntarily &c. Among other circumstances as to family descent, that of Stone took its rise from 3 brothers who early emigrated from Old to New England, from whom sprang nearly all of that race to be found in our country. Had time to look a mom't in a late paper - Saw Frelynghuysen's speech in favor of the new Bill concerning the collection of Revenue, said to be fine. We drank a mug of pepp'd cider and resumed our ride - the storm raged more & more violently - had to drive facing it 5 miles up the E. road - Wind blew from S.E. hurricane like, driving in our faces fine hail & snow which cut almost equal to fine sand & gravel. Past 11 (M) arrived in the Village - halted at Smith's where there was a large Bar Room - hot as an oven - heated by a good fire place & box stove - No want of company, among others our friends Turner Hills & David Love were present & it was not many minutes before there appeared a large man, cloaked in camblet having in his hand a pedlar's tin trunk, which, as soon as he had laid off hat & cloak was opened & a goodly supply of walnut meats exposed to sale in little measures of various capacity. Several of the citizens appeared there much taken up with the Village Paper of Feb. 13 in which I read a good Editorial Article on the Tariff - giving a very fair historical sketch of that subject as connected with the rise & progress of Manufactures in the N.E. States, and indeed in all parts of the States wherever established. Perused the beginning of Mr Brigg's speech in opposition to Mr Verplank's Bill. The dinner bell rang, all hands went to dinner, I walked over to Esq Brayton's. Found Esq B. in his Bank Room attending to his official duties as Cash'r of the Adams B'K. Enjoyed a few moments pleasing conversation on dairy sales, the turn of times &c. He said this agitation of the Tariff question had much injured some classes in their neighborhood already - Building was suspended, therefore there were no sales of lumber, which otherwise was a good article, and he could name a goodly number of people who had acquired property in that business, who must be ruined if theses times contin'd. Told me of a late case of theft, by which their Bank came near suffering the loss of \$4000 - the money was afterwards found in the cellar drain of the thief, in or near Boston - the villian was

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previously detected & properly secured for trial. In the same package which he stole out of the trunk of a young man who had charge of the money, there was the sum of \$8000 forwarded by the Cashier of Greenfield B'k to some B'k in Boston - out of which our rogue had purloined \$1000. In the midst of our conversation H. Waters called for me & I took sudden departure - Returned to Smith's - and while my friend Hills assisted me in rigging out - asked him in a low tone if he had heard anything from his friend Breckenridge - Yes, he said, they had just waught him. H.W's business to this place was to endeavor to take, or by some means to obtain pay on an old demand against ~~him~~ Samuel Wilson of that Village - to whom in 1825 or 1826 he had advanced more than \$100 pay at New York preparatory to going to Alabama in the employment of Gov. Hunt - After arriving in that country & working awhile - he with 2 others absconded to parts unknown and eventually returned to this country & since Hiram's return - attempts had been made to collect it by law - the fellow refused to pay - went to jail & swore out - Waters went so far as to give in one-half the dem'd for which rec'd his note on which he told him he would take his work &c - all would not do - he seemed determined to pay nothing. This morning we saw the man's horse & cutter under Evan's horse shed at the Old House Stand - as he was known to be on his way home - Therefore Water's after ascertaining that the horse was his bonafide - had an officer ready to take him on the road - So accordingly when we came away the officer followed in his cutter. We had not proceeded over half a mile when we met Mr Wilson with the same horse, but another cutter different from that seen under E's shed - with a lady by his side. Nothing was said except Hiram's remarking to me that that was the fellow and would soon get fixed out. A cutter was close behind us, which however we did not take to be our officer's until arrived at the bridge near the new stone factory - when a word or two was exchanged with him by which he was made acquainted with his mistake - left him putting back toward the Village with all speed. We found much milder doings on turning our backs to the storm. Diligent inquiry was made on the road to find out where Willson had exchanged cutters - and as near as we could judge he did at Ware's on the Line. At the Old Blackington Stand a man acquainted with the horse assured friend Waters that it was at least worth \$100 - probably would sell at Vendue for \$75.00 Made safe arrival here before dark. For some particulars respecting Hills & Brackenridge see Jour'l Jan 21.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 14 Continued some stormy until about noon - P.M. pretty pleasant - growing cold. G.P. overhauled cheese in kitchen cupboard. I wrote letter to PostMaster at Cincinnati, Ohio to enquire for the family of Horace Dimick & report whether they were alive &c., and another to the Post , of

E. Hay-mow 10 ft wide 7 ft high

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Greenville, N.Y. stating that I had on the 18th ult entered letter to Jarvis Stone of the same place, at the office in Troy, requesting him to state whether such letter had reached his office & to whom it had been deliv'd. S'd letters were deposited in the Bennington Office this day. Visited printing office - promised cheese to Darius Clark for money. Brought home from Mr Hollisters our Tailor ess, Miss Chamberlin, for the purpose of having a number of garments framed together - Father contin'd ill, was taken on Wedn'dy. G.P. commenced working on wood pile.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 15 Very comfortable wint. weather, cldy - I had rec'd a reply to my letter on Monday to S. Parsons Esq who set his terms for the Tan Brook Place at \$275 - saw Dr N. Swift going S. & requested him to inform Judge L. Norton of it & to use his fairest endeavors to persuade him to purchase, the place in the doctors opinion being worth & cheap at that - Rode in waggon up street - sold to Darius Clark 38 lbs cheese at 7", rec'd paym't in full \$2.66. Henry Fassett met me in the street & cried out - "You are out of all fashion", alluding to my waggon. I excused myself by saying that our sleighs or cutter were both lent out H. Waters having this morning started with his lady & child for Jackson, N.Y. in the S.H.B. cutter & the other being in the peddling service of Sanford & Brown. Rode to Aust. B. & Co - bo't goods amounting to \$2.07 - sold 47 lbs 10 oz cheese at 7 1/2" \$3.25 - half cash - half credited on book - Calvin, Aaron & Norton and a good many others present - A Mr Camp engaged me to bring him a cheese that would weigh from 40 to 50 lbs - told mr Aust to pay me the money on delivery. Came home late in the day.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 16 Very fine - almost a cloudless sky through the day. Cutting up wood pile was continued by G.P. Father was so well as to assist in sawing wood - I performed something in that way - S.W. Daniels drew wood 15th & 16th for N. Norton - our oxen were in his service 2 half days. I was off in season to sell 2 cheeses in Algiers at Aust. B. & Co's. Deliv'd over & rec'd pay for 49 1/4 lbs by the hand of Aust. \$3.45 - according to order of Mr Camp - Mr Laurin Peck took 33 lbs to be kept at store until he should bring the money for it at 7" - \$2.31. Returned home near sunset - waited upon Miss Chamberlin to Mr Norton's. Ought to mention seeing Dr S who said he had not seen Judge Luman, but he would, and meant to reason fairly with him upon it. Mrs Duncan with her son John came down from Pow'l, dined & tarried until sometime P.M. - related over the evil treat't she had rec'd at the hands of her son-in-law G. Potter, which in our opinion was most disgraceful - not only had he misued her, but her late daughter, who it is now well known he had for years treated most inhumanly. Mrs D. rode to Mr Daniels' for a visit. Sleighing now good.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 17 Fair & fine - w'd S. rather thawy - On Saturday morning died wid. J.E. Robinson - after enduring, for many months, the excruciating torments of a cancer on the breast. She was a most accomplished lady in every sense of the word. Her funeral was this day solemnized - sermon by Mr Hooker. I will endeavor to learn some particulars respecting her & her family which shall be reduced to writing

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Cutters both out - no comfortable means for conveyance of ladies to Church. G.P. the only person attending from our family. Mr Benjamin W Cardell waited upon Miss Ellen M. Parsons from Hoosick Falls to Bennington - called at H. Waters' & went to meeting A.M. - heard a fine sermon from Mr Hooker on the common every day concerns among men in which he displayed great wit & learning. P.M. Mr C. waited upon cous. Ellen & our daughter, Adeline, to this house, made a very agreeable visit & departed about sunset. W.S. Cardell the parent of this young man, formerly a merchant at North Bennington, afterwards unfortunate in business - removed to Albany in 1813 or 14, at length located his family in the City of N.Y. - became a celebrated Linguist & at last died at Lancaster, Pa., 1828 while employed in Lecturing on Languages at that place. B.W. said he was now about 21 yrs of age, lived at N.Y. from five to twelve and from the latter period up to about 18 with his uncle Dan'l Rogers - Esteemed his uncle's farm one of the finest in the world. Considered him unfortunate in not disposing of his wool in 1831 - the crops of that yr & 1832 were yet unsold, unless very lately bargained away unknown to him - Mrs Duncan and son called a few moments late in the day. Ira B. Dewey also obliged us in like manner. Benjamin R. Sears appeared and put razors in order. Mrs Andrews accompanied by Mr Brooks came down early in the evening - made a short tarry - related some particulars of her family - left with me for Hiram Waters towards debt the sum of \$29.00 for which gave rec't. Or W. Daniels bro't in casks, because he forgot to carry our bags, 3/4 ton of plaster - for which had to pay in Troy at the rate of \$8. per ton - the agreement with Slade & Haskin for it at \$7.50 not being owned, as was the fact between one of their firm & Nathan L. Robinson on the morning of Jan'y 19 last - whose order I sent for the same. Instructed Oren if they would not sell as they had agreed, not to purchase any more of them - furnished him with another order signed by cousin N.L. and money enough in all to make out \$15.50 in the whole advanced to him tow'd plaster. On his return he conveyed home Mr Brooks who waited upon Mrs Andrews to his house, whence she was going to start for Pittsfield tomorrow morning in the stage. Sears also went away with Oren.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 18 Rained 2 or 3 hours in the morning - afterwards the sun came out powerfully - carrying off the snow rapidly. Main part of the day worked at wood - G.P. with his axe - father & self with saws. In the evening visited Judge L. Norton's - informed him of having rec'd S. Parson's letter. He said a few words respecting the business & promised next day to call & give further instructions what to write to Parsons - My main business was to procure N.Y. papers in which there were now many important speeches in Senate U.S. on Mr Wilkins' Revenue Collection Bill - Tyese I gave a pretty thorough reading - they lead us back to first principles. Our friend Judge Luman on my arrival at his works - had not arrived from a little hunting excursion - while waiting his appearance - saw Pitts Godfrey grind clay - Cyrus Cone was of the hunting party - Mr Getty also.

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On Saturday the 16th P.M. some young people from Williamstown, Ms., gave Miss Chamberlin a short call - They came in a 2 horse sleigh driven by her cousin Mr Chamberlin - who, besides a young Mr & Mrs Buckley, had with him his sisters Mary & Betsey - All, as I should judge, were very fair looking ladies. During their tarry, which was very brief, I wrote a few lines to Mr Wight, acknowledging the rec't of a line from him of recent date enclosing to me \$2. for which thanked him - it being paym't toward provisions had here on the day he left for College, pres't term. Inform ed him of our business about home - Fayette being hurt by the Brock cow together with some other tidings equally weighty - not forgetting to mention Mr & Miss Buckley being here. Sunday eve., Miss Chamberlin, our tailoress, returned here.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 19 Very fine morning - but late in the day became stormy
Chopping & sawing wood was continued. Judge L. Norton called as he had promised. Perused the letter from S. Parsons from which he inferred that he would take less for the Tan Brook Place than \$275.00 - Desiring me in reply to mention, without naming him, that he had expected to obtain it for \$200.00 but after seeing s'd letter would offer \$250.00 which he conceived to be, in view of the ruinous state of the buildings &c a very generous price. So I drew up a line to that effect, adding further, which belonged to his instructions, that if Mr P. would send on a deed the money would be forwarded forthwith. Paid him a kind of compliment for the deference he paid to me concerning the disposal of the Place - adding that it could matter little with him what kind of person purchased, provided he could effect a good bargain & get ready pay. Told him I should advise neither party in this business, presuming him to be fully acquainted with the value of s'd property - and how high to set it - & my friend here would have his mind made up how much to pay for it. In P.S. requested his opinion as to the course Mr Van Buren would pursue during the ensuing 4 years - Adding that in my opinion he would meet with many difficulties in his way. Consumed time in the evening reading N.Y. paper which was now much taken up with the Debate in the Senate of the U.S. on the EnforceM't Bill - Very interesting on account of reference to first principles - the Southern members leaning generally toward Nullification - the Northern & Eastern on the other hand contending manfully for the Constitution as it naturally rewards - wkshing to use all proper means to enforce obedience to the Laws made under it. The plain truth is that these Modern State Rights Men are using arguments which they will one day repent of - Reasoning which would lead to the dissolution of this happy Union - in which we are all equally interested. H. Waters returned cutter - had pleas't visit at Hackson, N.Y.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 20 Pleas't A.M., hazy & grew cold P.M. Working up wood was deliberately pursued. Waited upon my lady in cutter by way of Nort's, Smith's & Pratt's to Aus. B. & Co's taking up goods on book to am't of . Called on Mr Davis to give some direction in regard to the fine coat, which he promised - extras excepted to finish by the middle of "Next Week". Saw at the store Erastus Montague doing business with E.D. Waters - we transacted our concern with the new cl'k, whose appearance much resembled that of our friend W.S. Southworth - Austin not present - Returned home

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before the sun disappeared behind Mount Anthony. The eve'g was industriously improved in perusing the masterly speech of Mr Clayton of Del. in favor of the Enforcement Bill. His views of the U.S. Constitution are sound to the core - his positions incontrovertible. On sending my answer to S. Parsons to the P.O. also forwarded a line to the P.M. Troy acquainting him with the facts mentioned on the 11th inst stating that I had written to the (P.O.) P.M. Grv. for information whether such letter had reached his office &c - that I had rec'd no reply - therefore requested him to write that P.M. to see if he could raise a reply. I was then under a faint impression that my first letter had been purloined - and that the next addressed to the P.M. at Greenville had suffered the same fate. Between the 11th & 14th I have strangely committed repetitions & blunders as to dates.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 21 Snug, sound wint. weather, rather colder than to be exactly comfortable - We contin'd our wood employm't.

Ira B. Dewey who came here P.M. on Wed. went about town on business, returned here again late in the day. Mrs Daniels contin'd her visit from past noon on the 20th until near eve'g this day when she was gallanted home by Mr D. in a fire red cutter, by whom sent word to Orin W. to go to Haskin & Slades to get the remainder of his plaster, leaving it with cous N.L.R. to arrange the matter as to price. Miss Chamberlin held on very industriously making up garments for my own dear self. S.W. Daniels appeared fully occupied in sledding wood for Norman Norton to F. Blackmer' - had our oxen to go with several loads by themselves, he managing both teams at once - service of our team to go towards use of theirs last fall.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 22 Too fair to preserve the snow, rather mild, w'd S.

Sleighting very bad in Bennington & in all places hereabouts off the mountains. Working at wood was continued. Sylvanus W. Daniels said he should discontinue, after this day, the further prosecution of his business until better sledding - had used our oxen since half days. Hiram Waters came to get some writing done by me & while so employed his dog killed a young skunk under our waggon shed to the great satisfaction of his master. The writing which I executed was a letter dictated & signed by H.W. signifying after the mention of other particulars that he would enter into a cattle speculation as proposed by Daniel McDaniel Esq of Hebron, N.Y. to whom it was addressed. I shall not attempt a history of the transactions which led to H. Waters' & Ann Waters obtaining a note of \$439.47" against that gentleman, for value rec'd to Doct. Worthy Waters sometime previous to his death in May 1828 - since that time the maker of said obligation failed - but is still permitted, mortgages not yet foreclosed, to occupy a very large & excellent farm from which he could not be driven for more than 1 year - during which he would fatten for Waters, 25 head cattle, which at the expiration of that period of time should be sold - and s'd McD. if I rightly understood the contract was to receive a fifth of the proceeds of sales, for his remuneration. Cattle to be furnished in June next. H.W. said if by mortgaging property he could raise money he would undertake to purchase. Requested the gentleman, who was well versed in the business, to state

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the probable am't of profit on that number of cattle & to write him whether to purchase 3 yr old steers or oxen, after spring work was over. He was also informed of Hiram having wrung from Wid. Ann an order on him amounting to the sum due on Note - in consequence of which McDaniel was forbidden to make any further advances on said obligation to her until Hiram should be paid in full - this being verbally agreed to by her & her brothers when she gave the order - The note actually belonged to H. Waters, but could not be obtained except by taking a course of Law, which under existing circumstances he did not want to undertake. On the same half sheet containing said letter was another at the upper end from Franklin Dorr - brother of Wid. A.W. - resigning up a similar project respecting cattle, to the one just named - addressed to McD, in which he tells him he thinks Mr W. ought to have his pay - Direction on the letter was in the hand of F. Dorr. Mr W. on the 19th in gentleman like manner returned the S.H.B. cutter, for which we assured him, as it was a sort of family accommodation, we should enter no charge. He very generously, without the most distant reference to the above, gave us his Pat'd Wire Spring Box - Rat Trap - with which we had caught 6 rats. This eve'g letters were rec'd from S. Parsons Esq & Mr Read P.M. of Greenville - The former after giving some good reasons for it, absolutely refused to take up with anything short of \$275.00 for the Tan Brook place - the barn buildings of which he said were worth \$300.00 to any man who wanted them - Some other particulars, not essential for me to note down, ended that part of his letter, which is dated Albany, Feb 21" 1833. That part in reply to my inquiry respecting his opinion of the course which would be pursued by Mr Van Buren the next 4 years, I will proceed to copy. After repeating (the) words similar to the foregoing he says :- "I can only say my opinion is, he will follow up the policy of the pres't Administration generally - As it regards the Tariff, he is as he always has been, and which I consider we all ought to be, for a 'Judicious' one. The late abandonment of the Protective Policy by Mr Clay, I think will not at all impair Van Buren's prospects for the next Presidency. Indeed I consider it insured by that stroke of policy which Clay intended as his destruction - for I think we shall see Mr Clay identified with Nullification - In great haste - S.P." So much from an Admirer of the Great Magician - as Mr V.B. is sometimes styled. And in conclusion I would give my opinion that all great seekers of Political distinction are whiffling inconsistent beings - riding on the whirlwind of Party Strife.

As to Mr Reed was much gratified on reading his statement that his young men tho't such a letter came to that office - and was taken out by David Morse - a neighbor of Mr Stone. Altho' they could not recollect it for certain - he thought he recollected something like it - Dated Greenville, Feb 20 1833. I now felt pretty sure of the destination of my \$10 bill letter - See Jan'y 18.

The evening was as usual fully devoted to reading Cong. proceedings & news generally as detailed in the Spect. of Feb. 14 - Mr Clay's Grand Compromise &c &c.

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In s'd paper of the 14th there were instances of murder - attempts at assassination - heinous frauds committed in & about our Great Cities - sufficient to cast a dreadful gloom over the character & manners of the present age - summibg up altogether

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 23 Hazy, chilly, pretty cold. Same business contin'd.

Cous. Nath. L. Robinson on his return from conveying a young lady from Bennington to the Green Mountain beyond N. Adams, made a friendly call, paid on note of April 1832, \$1.75, which was regularly endorsed thereon. After visiting Miss Chamberlin a mom't, seated himself in his jumper & was off. Sent Hopkins with S. Parsons letter to Judge L. Norton, which he perused & returned with word not to write until after seeing him. Miss Chamberlin was conveyed early in the eve'g to Mr Hollister, by Hopkins in 1 h. waggon. She had made for me a box str't bod'd coats during her being here.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 24 Highbtedious S.E. or N.E. wind prevailed all the forepart of the day - indeed it was very unpleas't & cloudy the whole day - a most boisterous night ensued, after the fall of a small quantity of snow - very cold wind severe from N.W. Perused papers & made entries in this Jour'l as usual. Of the family attending public worship I have to name Geo P., Lydia & Sally. Adeline did not come home at all.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 25 One of the severest wint. mornings experienced the pres't season & it held out pretty nearly so through the day - wind very high N.W. The first business was to wait upon Miss Chamberlin here early in the day - in cutter - afterwards usual concern were attended to - chopping & sawing wood. Perused papers in the eve'g as customary, or I am not sure but that the Old Tea squabble between the Whigs & Tories of 1773 as set down by Gordon was read over - See Vol 1 Gordon's America.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 26 Not so very stinging, seemed much moderated down but the wind began to blow from S. extrmely chilly. Wood employm't contin'd. Paid Miss Chamberlin for making for self box coat, str't bod. do & 2 prs pantaloons - during 1 week & 4 days - in full \$3.25. S.W. Daniels came here with his black mare - cracked butter nuts - he harnessed his mare to waggon & with me rode to E. Bennington in order to hear Dr Bigelow's Temperance Address - I followed D. up the W. gallery stairs - entered - found no seat - Mr I. Crossett recommended to pass over on the other side - so down I went & up the other gallery stairs - tried the door, but on finding it fast as I imagined - abandoned the design, presuming there could be nothing new said on Temperance - walked over to J. Norton & Co's store - Found many persons present most ly strangers to me. Heard from one of these a very lively story respecting a certain gentleman named Miller through whose influence the relator was appointed First Constable & Collector for the town of Marlborough Windham County. He said he knew well what he had got to do - Mr M., who was wealthy, had ever taken it upon him to bother the Collector about the payment of his taxes - So soon therefore as our friend

Was furnished with his Tax Bill, he went directly to Esq Miller's and demanded payment - the man flew in a violent passion and with a shower of abusive epithets ordered him out of his house - He complied peaceably - but told him as he retired he should not call again on him. The gentle man had his horse & chaise ready harnessed at the door - intending to be off on business. This establishment was forthwith seized by the officer, who, throwing a boy sixpence to follow him with his horse, pushed for the center immediately - went through the necessary formalities and before Miller got there had his property advertised for sale. Miller soon appeared - never heard a man talk so in his life - after spouting awhile paid his taxes & costs without delay. He said the news flew like wildfire through the town and within the space of about 3 days almost every man's taxes were paid over. He was elected the year following, Miller being fully in his favor & never after standing out about his taxes. My informant (related) gave a further acc't of his officiating in a case of failure in a merchant of that place, which for himself & his father, who happened at that time to be a Justice of the Peace, turned out to be a profitable job. The details I am unable, for want of time & patience, to give. A Mr Whitney was the victim of bankruptcy above alluded to. The event he said occurred 15 years ago. Goods sold better under the hammer than they would have done at private sale. On examining old Vermont Registers, find that for 1819 Azariah Hall Jr was First Cont. & Coll'r. Left axe with Henry Norton to be fixed - Got on board waggon with Sylvanus - came to Aust. B. & Co - halted - rec'd pay in full for 33lbs cheese sold to Laurin Peck - \$2.31". H. Waters being there - took passage to J. Hicks' Jun's - where he calculated to inquire the price of Mountain lands - such as the Street Lot in our vicinity - Continued riding with Sylvanus myself up to printing office where procured Gazette for the present week. Returned home - perused paper & assisted some at sawing wood. S. left his mare in our care & went S. - same beast was driven by Hopkins to Mr Hollister's - I would say - to B.R. Sears', carrying thither Miss Chamberlin where she was going to make a coat for C.F. Sears. Perused American history this eve'g. Our Lydia enjoyed the satisfaction of visiting the lady of H. Waters a part of this day.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'y 27 Moderate morning - before the day closed there was a real March blow - grew freezingly cold - & there was a consid. quantity of snow flying. The wood being now about all chopped & sawed - commenced splitting it fine for ready use. Henry S. Raymond, Collector of Minister's Tax, called, in his father's fine covered sleigh drawn by a span of elegant greys, superbly harnessed with fine open silver bells - & on making known his business I immediately paid over \$6. in full of Mr Hooker's tax against Nenj'n Harwood for 1832-3. With wife visited E. Village by way of Norton's across J. Norton's farm by the old Smith place. Traded at Aust. B. & Co to am't of 73" of which paid 56" in rags at 7 cs - remainder on book. Saw the hero of the Marlborough Collector story - (by) but said nothing to him. Called on Har. Norton for & rec'd the axe left on the 26th upset - charged 25" - Came home the same way we went down. Called on Judge L. Norton & got the Spect. of Feb. 18 - S.W. Daniels was sawing wood for

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Norman Norton. Mr Morton wanted cider - told him he could have it. Soon rezched home & in the eve'g examined Mr Clay's Speech on the introduction of his New Tariff Project. Rec'd from Mr H.Hell a fair compliment in the presentation of the President's Message & accompanying Documents - Jan'y 16 1833. Let me say rec'd new fine snuff coat at Mr Davis' - tried on the same, the byst anders among whom was our friend Joseph N. Hinsdill pronounced a good "fit" - price for making \$4.50 - payable in cheese at 7" per lb. A young colored man requested in the eve' to tarry the night with us - gave leave. Said he was never scarcely 6 miles from home before in his life - was from Northumberland - Saratoga Co., N.Y.

THURSDAY, (FRIDAY) FEB'Y 28 Snow kept flying so much in the morning we were apprehensive of getting a snow storm - but P.M. it was pretty fair, tolerably pleas't. Working up wood was continued by Geo P. assisted by father. With Lydia & Sally in cutter paid Mrs & Mr Duncan a visit - the latter had a good deal to do to keep his fire agoing. I perused Spectator - occasionally joined in conversation. Mrs D. stated that her youngest sister Miss Annis Stone, now about 48 years of age, was born on the birthday of her mother - I think she said the 15th of March when she completed her 34th year. The lady of Sam. Duncan, Electa Ann, came over & smoked pipe with her mother in-law & very agreeably assisted in carrying on conversation. Archibald & Nelson Duncan came home just before we came away - passed usual compliments - the latter had lately arrived from the West - when going thither, unfortunately lost his chest containing all his best wearing apparel. Called at E.C. Carpenter's & got information respecting school children returnable on the first of March as Dist. scholars - 5 of his own - & 3 belonging to the poor of the town. During the P.M. Mr Morton rec'd 1 bbl cider at \$1.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ - paid \$1.50

FRIDAY, MARCH 1 Snowed moderately all day from the E. W'd roared loud on the E. M'tn - Cold as common winter weather. Made settlement with Geo P. Harwood up to this date, and found due him \$300.50 - paid the fraction & gave note due 1 yr from date for the remainder. Agreed with him to tarry with us one year longer with the privilege of reserving to himself 4 days in each of the following months - March, December, January & February - year to commence this day - compensation to be \$110. He said he wished to have it so that when the weather became severe he could suspend labor abroad and enjoy books or papers, at his option. Father & Geo P. continued busy at the woodpile. I rode in cutter about our Dist. to take the census of the scholars. In the Smith house saw C. Rockwood's people - wid. William was temprarily absent with her family at her fathers - Got information correctly I presume - there was 1 scholar at A. Hawks' on the old Lawrence farm - late the residence of Merritt Green & more remotely that of his father. Made my chiefl stand at Jewett's & there summed up & found within the Dist 48 scholars only. Talked sometime with Jewett & his wife and John Ayers - saw also G. House who came there to grind an axe along with his friend Ayers. Coming home bro't Mrs Harw'd from wid. Kents'. Or W. Daniels deliv'd here 15 h'd plaster for which he rec'd cr. \$3.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 2 Continued snowing slowly all the morning - no one expected to witness what followed. About 10 A.M. the wind began to rise from the W. & soon increased to a hurricane that lasted with little abatement until mid-night. It was really one of the most tedious gales that has visited our country within ten years - Cold in the extreme and with the air filled with snow - Road running N. & S. generally drifted full, while those running E. & W. were swept in many places clean as a barn floor. In cutter undertook with father to ride to Sylvester Stewarts', W.Creek - but after advancing up the Mathews hill to where a certain Shaftsbury road turns off - the storm being so violent & terrible - we hauled round - came to uncle S.Robinson's where we remained during the P.M. or until near night. Aunt Sarah made much inquiry respecting our Ancestry, for the purpose of making out her Family Rec'd. We arrived here ere sundown. H.Waters with wife & child was here on visit. Adeline came also. H.W. assisted Geo in fixing a cask in such manner as to beguile & destroy rats. At Dr Sam's would add that cousin Nathan was absent - cousin Ed came home before our departure. Mat Cobb, the old school-master, gave us a call in the fore part of the day. Spent eve'g myself reading Woodbridge & Willard's Geog'y on Climates &c. The W. hay-mow was now broached the 2d time the pres't season - first jog not cut down to the gr'd by 2 or 3 feet and the main mow was now say 14 ft high & 15 wide - covering the ground W. of the floor & on the E. scaffold there was ab't 3 tons very good hay & what we estimated at 1 ton more on the scaffold opposite. See Jan 24 & Feb 14

SUNDAY, MARCH 3d Very severe morning - calm but cold (&) all day & in the eve'g. Executed writing for H.Waters in a new, narrow, long a/c book. A large drove of horses passed through town to the S. H.W. informed us of having attached on the 26th inst a large horse, cutter, buffaloe & other property belonging to, or suspected to belong to Sam Willson, for debt, Geo P. went to meeting. H.W. & Familiy were off in the eve'g. T.C.Parsons made a visit - the first time since Mov. last or somewhere about those days.

MONDAY, MARCH 4 Continued very sharp - especially in the aft.p't of the day - Great press of wind - quite extraordinary as to the character of the weather. Waited upon Miss A.M.Harwood to the stores of F.Blackmer & Aust B.& Co at both which articles of small amount were purchased & charged in a/c. She had a pair of shoes at T. Hills, price \$1.37½ - paid by handing over Turner's Due Bill \$1. & 37½ c money. Called on H.Deming & rec'd in full for cider had in Oct. last \$2 Came home by S.Pratt's, road a part of the way blown very full of snow. Called at Judge L.Norton's & rec'd Spect. of Feb. 24 ; saw at his house Daniel Rogers of Hoosick. After getting home, looked at some articles in the paper - assisted at splitting wood - so very tedious we did not undertake to breast it the whole time, but thought our selves happy in being seated by a warm stove examining the papers - watching the progress of Mr Clay's Bill &c. Near sun-set Or & S.W.Daniels came here - the former to procure money to purchase & bags in which to convey plaster from Troy, N.Y. We instructed him to buy 1 sack of fine salt of first quality & 8 lbs pot ash - and furnished him with five dollars in small bills - but afterwards presumed from circumstances - I had by mistake delivered over

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one dollar too much - that is \$6. instead of five. Soon after my return from E. Bennington counted \$17 in my pocket book, which with 15 more in the Parsons desk and \$2.13 in wallet made up the whole \$34.13. After the departure of Orren counted remainder in pocket book whence I drew the money for him, & counted \$11 only - & by my cash a/c there should have been on hand previous to handing over the aforesaid money \$34.77" - So if never discovered by him must forever be lost by me \$1. My lady & daughter were busily engaged fixing for Hoosick.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5 Clear & intensely cold - very strong wind from NW
After long preparation was off in cutter with wife & daughter to Hoosick Falls - bad sleighing from Bennington meeting house to H.F. Corners, remainder of the way good - road blown full of snow - in some places the people had been obliged to dig through large drifts. Found friends all in usual health. Amused myself reading a late compilation entitled History of Late Revolutions in Europe. Visited the machine shops of Parsons & Wilder - saw cous. H. Parsons employed there among others - waited awhile for him to finish some work on ~~his~~ hand, when he accomp'd me into the new Tremont Factory where they had introduced a quantity of machinery - a part of which had been put in motion. Saw workmen employed on the picker in the ~~yard~~ great Fire Proof lower ground room. Every part of said machinery appeared in fine order and we might augur favorably of the future destinies of the establishment - taking into view the capacious size & the durable materials of which it is composed. In the evening united with Henry in playing the flute besides viewing Henry's new musical instrument which he had lately commenced building. Burtis & cousin Andrew went to a Temperance meeting and heard an Address by Lyman Cross advocating the doctrine of Total Abstinence - B. & A. signed the Constitution of the Society - Cous. Henry's wife & all aunt Ruth's family in the course of the evening were present.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 Early part of the day mild, pretty pleas. Tow'd eve cleared closeed over & grew stormy slightly. Busy playing the flute along with Henry until sometime in the morning - H. tuned his Imitation Piano by the flute - then accomp'd me to his uncle Seth's where I immediately entered into conversation with Mrs P. on the late proceedings in S.C. & in Congress - She had devoted great attention to these subjects & appeared to be well informed in the Politicks of the day - gave me perhaps half a dozen newspapers in which there were many able Congressional Speeches, to bring home with me - under an injunction that I would return them again - Staid here an hour or more. Past noon started with Adeline for home - came from the corners round by Mr Ingham's, the Pool, Breeses &c. very good sleighing to the Line Hill - remainder of the way poor - arrived here tow'd eve'g - found friend Wight whom was glad to see - was in good health - came up from College with his friend Jesse O. Norton on the 5th - Gave some acc't of queer proceedings among the students. Miss Adeline was left at

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H.Waters'. Geo P.Harw'd bro't up from uncle S.Robinson's 2 lds river sand. Mr Wight perused Blair's Lectures during the day.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7 Snowed lightly, pretty cold, wind blew up furiously just at night, chilling indeed, drifted in snow, Two lds more of river sand were procured by G. & self. Had time to be at uncle Sam's. Dined there. Heard aunt Sarah enquire respecting Family Records. Perused Ecc'l History. In the eve'g read Revolutions in Europe - 1830 - There were some noble deeds wrought at that time.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8 Rather thawy, moderate & cloudy. Drew 1 ld sand which made up about 100 bbls of that material, from the Bank of S.Robinson. P.M. sold to Mr Davis, the tailor, a cheese weighing 40 lbs at 7 cs pr lb, \$2.80 - carried grist to mill - sold to M.S. Norton 23 lbs cheese at 7" - to be paid another day.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 Pretty tolerably cold - growing more mild - Drove to Hoosick by Harmon's, Sherwood's et als arrived there with Hopkins past 2 p.m. Harmon road very bare - a part of the Hoosick rods drifted full of snow - in some cases had to go in the field At the Falls all things were moving about right. Visited my cousin Cornelius - saw his lady, son Spencer and Mr Parker his son-in-law. Cousin C. said he was 61 yrs of age - Seneca 42 next April - Next proceeded to Dorr's across the river - walked on the ice above the dam - ice said to be very thick. All well at D's - but it was but lately that they could call themselves so. Mr D. had named her youngest son "Hiram" - said sh she was about 40 yrs old. Visited the Factory again, as well as the Machine Shop - saw cous. Henry who after finishing off his business on hand accomp'd me home. In the eve'g went to H.Parsons' - saw the lady of the house with others of the feminine tribe. Mr Tompkins the engineer of the new Tremont Factory was there reading a newspaper. Talked with him on Nullification, which he much disapproved of - viewed it to be a bad precedent. With cous. Henry went to his mother Chapin's - rec'd introduction to her & a daughter younger than H's wife - the latter lady came home soon after I came in - at first did not know me. Conversed some time. Returned to H.Parsons', spent a little time more and then went to Henry's house where they kept me all night. On the 6th inst rec'd a confidential communication from Seth Parsons Esq concerning the Tanbrook Place, dated Albany March 2d 1833, to which I replied on the 7th On the 9th wrote line to Sylvester Stewart, White Creek, N.Y. chiefly to inform him of having endeavored to get over to his house on the 2d inst Mother wanted much to see his lady previous to her quitting the country for the W. - must hold on to his cows until I should call of him, which would be soon.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 Fair & handsome - thawed slowly in the aft part of the day. We were early off - enjoyed very pretty sleighing to the 4 Corners where saw & spoke with Dr P.M. Armstrong - had good sleighing without much exception to the Line Hill, that is, by crossing the hill & coming out to the Pool road near Garret Y. Breeses', thence home - much as it was on the 6th., rather improved if any way. Nothing unusual occurred after our return. Forgot to mention on Sat'y eve'g seeing Dr P.M. Armstrong at friend H.Parsons' where was also his wife. He said he should ride over to the neighborhood of McNimara's

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Factory to visit Dr L. Sherwood on business - invited me to go with him told him I would after first calling at cousin Henry's, which we did, he passing some lively jokes on olden times when a boarder with others here in 1822-3 - with my old lady whom in his usual way he styled "Mother". I seated myself in the D's cutter - rode over bad sleighing - conversing very freely all the way, and when we got there Dr Lem was from home - at White C. concerning a law suit. So we came directly back - the doct. being much disappointed - saying he would not have driven his mare there for \$1 had he known the sleighing was so poor - pitied his beast a good deal - indeed she was fine - a great traveller - notwithstanding her age, which he said was 14 years.

MONDAY, MARCH 11 Had snowed some during the night - remained cloudy in the morning awhile - was afterwards fair - a cold night if I mistake not followed or else the wind came up fresh from S. We rode to Deac. Elias Dimmick's to view some cows which he offered for sale - had sold 4 of his meanest and selected 7 of his first rate which were collected in a yard by themselves for our inspection. They appeared pretty fair - 2 oldest 10 years old - some others only 6 - & with one exception would probably bring calves from the latter part of March to the 20th April & at furthest by the first of May that one would be fit for use. We named some difficulties in regard to keeping, not having a supply of hay to enable us to add to our stock - this was in part done away by a proposition that he should keep them until just before casting their young - so after a moments deliberation the Deacon was requested to name his terms - He said he should put them high - so at first named \$175. I asked him to say again, when he pronounced \$170 at which I, with the consent of my father, agreed to take them. Was sorry however that more time was not taken for deliberation in a matter of so much consequence - perhaps might have saved a few dollars by it - but the property came so near to what I wanted, and having a reference to my own breast in regard to the valuation of it - and being persuaded I could not better myself as to selection induced me to come to the hasty conclusion just named. Hastings appeared to be making preparations to remove to Pownal in Andrew Whipple's neighborhood. Bill Gould had a sled load of straw, bound to that place. H. & G. said the Deac's cows were good - but perhaps they would not have set them at so high a price as we agreed to give - Paym't to be made first of April. Came away without further consultation - except drinking a little cider & discoursing with the deac. about the length of time he had resided here - Came to Bennington in 1804 - during which he owned & kept the Court house Tavern - next year leased that to Charles Cushman, bo't the Lawrence farm - E. of the Atwood place, S. of Smith's, which he afterwards, 1808, sold to Willard Green & removed to the John Armstrong farm - sometimes called the Bumford Place where he has remained ever since - expecting to spend the remainder of his days there - aged 73 - 4th July next - his lady, 2d wife, aged 59. We consumed the remainder of the day packing wood under wood shed - Geo P. finished working out poplar troughs for cows

of which he had a number on hand. Papers were perused in the evening & so on.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 Rainy a great part of the day, so of course out-door business was suspended in a measure. Rec'd a long visit from L. Jewett who entertained us with remarks on fishing, hunting, farming &c. At his suggestion a notification was drawn up & fixed to the school house door by him for a meeting of the Inhabitants of S. Dist No. 2 on the eve. of the 19th inst to choose a Collector for the Dist. & to transact all other business found necessary when met. Geo P. was absent at Mr Davis' & elsewhere - returned near evening. Sam H. Brown reconitered the Street Lot with H. Waters - the latter having come to the conclusion to purchase the part owned by the former.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 New light snow had followed the rain of yesterday and cold chilling wind & flying clds from N.W. succeeded. This day bro't Mr Clark's Singing School to a close. So his scholars were convened for exercise at the Cong. Meeting House at half past 1 P.M. - near sunset had a recess - met again at 7 & held on until past 9 - during which Mr Hooker, besides performing masterly on the German flute in the singers seat resumed his stand in the pulpit & pronounced a well spiced Lecture on the duties of singers as well as those of the members of the Church & of the congregation. There were many grand pieces performed and as I conceived in imposing, lofty & august style. I dare presume the auditors were well entertained. Feeling some little uneasiness in regard to the late contract with Deac. D. rode with Gep P after leaving Lydia & Sally at H.W's to attend the Singing Meeting, to his house to see if he would favor us as to hay. On introducing the subject he appeared not exactly to understand it as we did - presumed himself only obliged to keep them until the first of April - and if some should be taken away previously then he would keep others enough longer to make up the time - Stated also that he had met with a disappoint't respecting a stack of hay, which on broaching it turned out to be extremely poor, by having been most shockingly put together by the hand of Solomon Wright Jr - horribly weather beaten - but if it had been well s a ved, was naturally of good quality. We saw some of it & found it so. Viewed what he had in his barn, which although of fair quality, yet was no more than sufficient to carry through those that I had purchased & his other stock to the opening of Spring. He offered to supply us with a quantity of his bad hay, but I refused it - so my mind was made up to bringing my cows home on the day of payment. Felt better satisfied with the appearance of the animals than on the day of purchase. G. also either tho't as I did or talked what he did not think. Some men had been on to buy - but found they couldn't.

On returning to the Street found H. Waters at Sanford & Brown's, or rather he found me there, with a letter in his hand from Anasa Bixby of N. Adams, Ms., who had been up to endeavor to show that he was lawful owner of the property named in this jour'l on the 3d inst - Stating in substance that Wilson denied the justness of the debt - but as he, Bixby, disliked going to law, or words importing the same, though he had no doubt as to ownership - yet he could get Wilson to pay \$50 provided H.W would grant him a receipt in full. To this for H. Waters I set down & wrote a reply. Bixby had requested his lowest terms. So in the first place a clever space was allotted to establishing the bona fide character of W's debt

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in confirmation of which introduced the mention of Gov Hunt's letter, the author of which was superintendent of Alabama Salt Works, written to Waters in 1826. As to terms he was told that for half the cost thus far incurred & paying up execution would give up the property & sign a receipt in full to Wilson. After informing him that the property had been prized, in manner directed by law, by 6 men well qualified for the business, at \$116.00 - Assured him if he would not accept of terms so ~~no~~ moderate, but must try the uncertainty of Law, Waters would carry it to the bats end. We got home past ten in the evening.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14 Very fair, but chilly. Carried grist to mill - 4 bbls wheat - 2 of corn - had the last ground - had pr shoes tapped for wife by James Harwood - price 20" - borrowed leather for taps. Perused N.Y. Spect. while there - In the morning consulted my friend J.N. on the subject of buying a certain farm, half which would well accommodate him, he did not wish to purchase, himself, but said I had better take the whole. Called on another valuable friend who said if I should not pay too much & could obtain a distant pay day, to take the whole. I however did not think it prudent, viewing the whole ground, to take such a violent leap into Debt. H. Waters having bo't S.H. Brown's Street Lot took Richard Carpenter with him to view the same of which he talked of buying a slice - whole number of acres being said to be 60. No small quantity of green wood was packed by father & G.P. under shed. Saw & heard recommended Esq Savage's cow.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 Fair, raw, chilly. Father & G.P. contin'd employed about wood pile - finished filling up shed so far as it had been emptied since late in Nov. or early in Dec'r. I had to keep house on acc't of lame shoulder. Or W. Daniels sent his brother Sylvanus here with 1/2 ton plast. 1 sack salt & a quantity of potash, which were all cheerfully rec'd. Orrin had been unluckily exchanged away our meal sacks for those of much inferior quality & rather so in capacity but gained one in number - these last were not salt sacks like ours but were common grain bags much worn. Friend S.H. Brown returned, by the hand of Webb, one of the pedlars of Sabf'd & Brown, the old jumper sleigh - lent some weeks since to be employed in the pedling business. Friend Webb endeavored to persuade us to purchase a new clock - We assured him of our inability to buy.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 Fair, searching cold wind from N. A great deal of wood was deposited under shed, at which I assisted until noon - after which Hopkins supplied my place - I was off in 1 h. waggon, roads quite muddy. Gave directions to H. Sage's sawyer how to saw those logs conveyed there, that is, to the saw mill mentioned Feb 5. On returning homeward met friend Ed Savage near Sam'l L. Safford's barn & passed a few words respecting the cow which he offered for sale - ascertained his price to be \$25 - let him know if his cow were good - should not stand much about the price. Called at the mill & procured the flour & bran of 4 bbls wheat. Saw a hearty looking intemperate Mountaineer on Woodford on or the N.W. part of Stamford exulting remarking on the misbehaviour of a person whom lately joined a Temperance Society - arguing much against those societies - My friend Asahel H. & myself replied

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as faithfully as we could in their favor - telling him that such men as himself, it was not expected could be reclaimed, must be left to destroy themselves - that it was the rising generation who would derive benefit from those societies. He said joining Temperance societies was giving up rights &c. Before reaching home bo't at Sanford & Brown's 11 lb b. sug. for \$1 on a/c. Rec'd candle st'd repaired at H. Waters'. In the eve'g Sam'l H. Brown came over to make proposals for selling his Fay farm - of which there was said to be rising of 50 acres. We, on account of narrow circumstances, wished only to buy that part situated W. of the Publick road comprising from 27 to 30 acres. He desired to sell the whole at \$25., bringing the am't up to \$1250 - rather exceeding our estimate which was \$250. less. Very little progress was made in the business - we being obliged to deal on cr - past 10 Mr B. left us to reflect on his propisitions hereafter.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 The ground & snow were frozen in the morning but the better psrt of the day it was thawy. Looked over papers bro't from Hoosick in which found some excellent speeches deliv'd on the Tariff Bill by Mr Briggs & others. B.R. Sears visited here late in the day - wanted to look over a/cs, but I put him to another day. He suggested an alteration in my sawyer's bill which suited me, but could not take effect without going all the way to the saw mill. Blue Birds were heard to sing on the 15th.

MONDAY, MARCH 18 Remarkably fine morning - remained fair all day - and from being frozen solid in the morning, became thawed up soft - roads muddy, brooks running. Early crossed lots over to the O. & C. saw mill - saw Mr Grover, Sage's sawyer, and informed him of the alteration in our scheme of sawing - had him measure stuff sawed out of a certain short white ash log which we sent thither a few days since, amount of which was 90 feet suitable for plough beams - ordered him not to let his namesake, Grover & Son, have it, as they had refused taking it at a fair price previous to being sawed. Called on friend Ed Savage to know more respecting his cow - the family were winding up breakfast - Mrs S. had a bad eye. Mr S. was in full preparation for going up to J.S. Robinson's office, in order to complete a settlem't of a/c with O. Abell through 3 or 4 years partnership - commenced in 1825 - during the whole term no settlement had ever been made. Since their dissolution Mr S. had solicited one frequently, but to no purpose - it was now submitted to arbitration - composed of Judge Stephen Robinson, John Norton & John S. Robinson Esqrs. The question under discussion was whether Abell was entitled to \$1100 for board charged to Savage? In the first place our friend S. trusted the whole management to accounts to Capt. A. which made him altogether lame as to that part - and the latter gent did not feel disposed to bring forward anything like a fair expose of the firm & perhaps owing to carelessness as well as other causes, could not - So much for partnership with a bad man. Came up to the Cong. meeting house with Savage to whom named \$23 as a fair price for his cow - said if he concluded to take it would send over his son to let me know. Spent some time with Hiram Waters & Dr H. Swift who were trying to deal respecting some lumber. Came to S.H. Brown's & was there introduced to an indifferent sort of brindle cow formerly the property of J.C. Andrews now owned by S.H.B. offered for sale - the only complaint was

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being unruly, recommended as a passable good cow. She appeared to thin & lathy to suit my eye - saying no more, came home & assisted in packing wood under wood shed which was now, this day at noon, nearly stowed full, estimated the value at \$175 - half of it or more was dry - whole number of cords suppose to be . As to hay we were feeding off the 2d jog N. of the W. mow, which was begun the 2d day of the pres't month - excellent quality & with a quantity left in the bottom of the first jog would probably hold out until the 25th or 28th inst. P.M. cracked a few butternuts, of which saved out $1\frac{1}{2}$ bbls to send to Capt E. Waters family, Troy, N.Y. Timber for cart axle was procured - & several loads manure sledged on to plow land N.W. the barn. Something more was said respecting the F. farm.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 Our thaw contin'd & proved thorough - mud very deep Most springlike day since Jan'y. Had a faint notion of visiting S. Stewart of White Cr'k but gave it up - Started for town - calling by the way on S.H. Brown who offered the W. side of the Fay farm at \$25. - and that was the least he would take for it. Requested time to think of it. Came in contact with G.R. Sanford who questioned me on the subject - replied that we came on but slowly - he thought we might yet make a bargain. Visited printing office - procured Gazette. Saw Darius, Col Merrill & Solomon - mounted beast to ride to S. Walbridges' - got a short distance down Court-house hill and faced about - so muddy would not go - Came to the P.O. and rec'd a Cazenovia N.Y. paper, superscribed "Hiram Harwood, Bennington", having on the margin the name of F. Bonny - containing some information respecting the G. Lodge of N.Y. & c. Finally supposed said paper belonged to my cousin of the N. p't of Bennington. Returned home - soon after a gentleman calling his name Blair rode up on a smart grey - giving me a line from Southworth & Brown the import of which was that they would buy all the late made cheese I could spare at \$7 pr cwt delivered here. If I should furnish casks they would pay for them. Money down on delivery of the cheese which Mr B. thought would be in about a week. Instructed him to bring on 2 casks with the understanding that we would put up about 1000 lbs. By invitation he dined with us, or rather he took a bite after we had ridden from table and then departed for Hoosick 4 C's. We immediately rallied our cheeses together from the cellar & kitchen cupboard, washed up those which had kept in casks, weighed them & 9 more, making out lbs 1024 - leaving a sufficient supply for family consumption on hand. Saw Sam'l H. Brown this morning who said he must have for his Fay land \$25 pr acre. This day completes 18 years since H. Harwood was married to Sally Stone at the house of T.C. Parsons by J.E. Robinson Esq. The latter died April 27th 1831.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 S. wind drove up thick clds from which there was sprinkled a quantity of rain - wind changed to N. very high in the eve'g. Omitted mentioning on the 19th in the evening riding to the S. school house in order to attend a school meeting as contemplated on the 12th - saw one of the Fay boys who had just come up from Jewett's - said

there was appearance of J's coming up, nor was it at all probable, on a/c of the very bad stormy sturring that any meeting would take place. So came up to Judge L. Norton's - conversed very freely on politicks, speech of Mr Calhoun &c. - took Spect of the 11" & came home. This mning fr'd Brown, by request, came over to negotiate a little further on the Land question. He insisted upon having for it \$25 pr acre without the barn which we did not want. We offered him \$700 to take it more or less. He said we might have it without measuring for \$750 - So there was no bargain. In the evening we held a kind of family conference on the subject and finally decided against buying it at all, having already offered \$100 more than it was worth. And whenever we should attempt to buy, to have the means of making ready pay. B.R. Sears fitten in a new cart axle. Geo P. commenced building large gates. Thaw continued rapid. Extreme bad travelling.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 Continued cldy all day - stormed perhaps very slightly. Business drew me up street to get hinges & cart snybills made at Chandler's. Called at Hall & Southworth's - former gent from home - the latter shewed me a plan of the Reptesentative Hall U.S. Capitol - seats & names of members occupying them. Borrowed capt Hicks' steelyards - Called on Dr N. Swift, who for the money left with him on the 7th Jan'y gave me a note of hand against his brother, Heman, for \$120 drawing interest & \$50 in money - did not pay balance of interest because I had forgotten the day on which he had it. Came home & aft dinner crossed the farms of Norton's, Fay & Loomis to look at a cow owned by Mrs House - Saw a sheep on the rocks W. of the house in a bad situation - found Burleson the hired man & favid & Frank engaged in blasting logs - Walked into the house, conversed with Mrs H. some respecting her cow & afterwards with granny Billings about old Esquire Mendal., Lieut Warner, the father of my 2d grandmother, & Dr C. Safford the first husb'd of Lydia Warner, 2 daughter of Lieut W - all formerly inhabitant of Hardwick, Ms., The first of those gent. was wealthy farmer - severe in his discipline throughout his household - wholly intent on gain - but addicted to strong drink - disagreed with & parted from his wife. She was the sister of the celebrated Brigadier Timo Ruggles of that town who soon after the commencement of the Revolution went over to the enemy at Boston. Dr Safford, she said, was struck under heavy conviction in time of a Great Religious Revival, went to the tavern to drink it away - returned home and soon after died in a kind of delirium. Old Mendal lived to an advanced age - He said he would now & then purchase at the Alms House, Boston, a boy or girl or both & put them to service as snugly as if they had been African slaves. A boy of that description being employed about a well which the old gentleman was having blasted through rock, happening to commit some mistake in regard to the business became so agitated with fear of that old tyrant as to lose all command of himself - plunging headlong into the well & breaking his neck. So after that never procured any more children from the Alms House. She was proceeding to gave an acc't of an Eng. Soldier bro't out a few years since in Religion near Plattsburgh when I was called away to see the cow which the boys had bro't up for my examination - Found her pretty fair - there being some uncertain points which I wanted to have cleared up - proposed to Mrs H. to let her remain until next day.

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when if I choose, might take the same for \$22.00 The poor sheep noticed above was ordered by the old lady to have a piece of raw pork given her which was done & had the desired effect. Shaped my course through thic & thin up to the old Nathan Eldred house to see & ask Mrs Duncan & Nelson respecting the character & time of coming in of the said beast & was confirmed eventually in the scheme of buying her. Green Potter was there & talked about the cows which he wanted to sell - After his withdrawal, rec'd a few hints of caution, sufficient to satisfy me that there was none of his which I would desire. Heard of Truman Carpenter selling a fine young cow to E. Montague for \$25. Mr D. & family all in usual health. Got home aft. d'k. Mr Hart soldered lead pipe for which paid him 25 cs.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 No material alteration of weather - continued thawing, mud vastly deep, never worse travelling. Again marched up Street, procured information at A. Robinson's respecting cow - endeavored to get India Rubber overshoes for Adeline but failed - Saw Abbott the old sawyer at Patchins' trying to sell a timber square, 3 ft long, said he was 62 Jan'y 29 1833. At Hiram Waters' rec'd paym't in ~~full~~ full on \$31 note of Jan 5 excepting interest, which was omitted until I should hand him said note, which didn't have with me. Had strainer of the water pipe fixed by Hart for 10 cts. P.M. Geo left his gate framing to go with me to wid. Billings' to bring home the afores'd cow. Found Burlison splitting wood, waited awhile for D.F. House to bring up the cow, which being once more closely inspected, paid Mrs House the stipulated sum & bro't her off. She drove as handily as a dog. Deac. Fay asked us as we got against his father's what we were going to do with his cow, saying he had bargained for her once as he supposed at \$18 - we replied we should endeavor to keep her well. At Judge Norton's got Spect. of Mar 14 in which was the beginning of Mr Calhoun's Speech against the Revenue Collection Bill. Saw the Judge conversing with our friend Chatfield Parsons. In the eve'g began reading said speech. Father & Geo. had framed 2 large gates & got out posts ready for hanging them.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 Very fair, frozen slightly in the morning, mild & rather warm the remainder of the day. Had lame shoulder in the early part of the day. March'd up Street - made short call at F. Blackmer's - went to the Post Office - left Cazenovia paper for my cousin Hiram of the N.p't town - left letter too for S. Parsons, Albany relative to the Chatfield place - giving him the name of the person who wished to buy it &c. Went to Hall & Southworth's where heard gen'l Henry Robinson & Mr Hall talk of Washington City, Capitol, Presdts house, names of clerks &c &c. The former repeated his story of Mrs Way the printer's lady, in which his friend Edwards & himself came out as they ought - making their humble acknowledgments to her next day - she being one of the finest ladys of the City. It was on the eve'g of the 4th of July 1814, I suppose, that those boys made their mistake in regard to the female. Returned to F.B's & heard Gov Tichenor & Lieut S Safford talking over Bennington battle. Came home about noon bringing with me 1 qt F. brandy - charged 38 cts. Assisted P.M. at clubbing dung H. Parsons & I.B. Dewey tarried with us over night. Read 3 or 4 columns of Mr C's speech in the evening.

SUNDAY (SATURDAY) Mild pretty weather except being cloudy from S. -
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On the 20th I was solicited by John Davis of Pownal Pine Woods to buy a cow, wanted I should cross over to the Tim Hervey barn to examine her, but after getting a few rods E. of the road on the Fay farm, the rain increasing, turned about & came home, agreeing with the fellow to meet him in the Street the next morning, where he calculated to be with his cow which he should turn out to Gen'l Robinson tow'd land he had lately purchased. Next day met him as agreed upon, but he omitted bringing up his cow, saying his neighbors advised him rather than sell it for \$20., the price off'd by the Gen'l, to borrow the money - still he anxiously solicited me to go over & see her. I put him off - It was enough for me to know by information, that there was no dependence to be placed on his word. Let us proceed to say Geo P. went to meeting - cous. N.L. Rob. came home with him - supped here & entertained us with observations on courtship, on kindred subjects, singing not excepted. Mr Hooker was s'd to have preached handsomely & instructively. I wrote Jour'l & perused newspapers.

MONDAY, MARCH 25 Much more like Ap'l than Mar. Rain was looked for until past 9 A.M. after which there was dry wind from N. clds broken. Father & G.P. sowed grass seed on wheat & rye fields, afterwards resumed the business of Saturday. I was off to E.D. Hubbell's to see a cow which I had heard he would sell. Waited sometime for his return from Scott's. Wm Gibbins & Hiram Scott were employed in taking up a horse stable floor in order to introduce new sleepers. Viewed water accommodations bro't in 1/2 pipe - though good not equal to those executed for us by L. Beach, Sept 1832. At last the man came home, went to his yard, pointed out a handsome yellow cow 6 years old & another mainly brown - white face & horns - 11 yrs old - best of the 2 for milk - must pay \$45 for them. Asked time to consider & weigh the matter. Called over to H. Waters' - wanted paper on which to make out List of Scholars in Dist. No. 2 - they failed in finding any - so went to F. Blackmer's and there executed the same - walked to the post office saw young Martius Selden start away in E. stage. Sol Clark assisted Hyde about mails - the North'n stage drove off under crack of whip - Capt Hicks being present noticed the harshness of the driver in this respect. Mr Kellogg, capt D., capt H. Robinson, capt H. Hall, came all quickly under my eye - heard some few words in regard to Mr Clay's Land Bill, which Mr H. said would eventually become a law - some tho't the town would endeavor to divide the int. of the ~~Street~~ School Fund next town-meeting. Mr H. said if the Land Bill had passed should not want said town money, for in that case the share to this town would have been \$700. Moved up Street through which had seen, a little before, Willard Bates of Pownal riding on full trot a wide stepping bay horse. Saw in front of U.M.R.'s office, Colvin & Rockwood, H. Sage, U. Edgerton, Sylvanus Danforth, and many more - not to forget Judge Stephen Robinson - to these last 3 whose names are inserted, was left out a dispute in regard to settlement of acc'ts between the firm of Colvin & Rockwood and Henry Sage. Said a word to Rockwood respecting oil meal - price being 2/3

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Called at friend Haswells - handed in School Returns for Dist No.2 - 48 scholars - Miss P.Thayer present. Saw Mr Shoe Maker Knapp on some kind of Deed or Title hunting business. Returned home with a very fair letter from J.C.Barter to G.P.Harwood - Dated Ogdensburg Mar. 17 1833 - detailing a very pleas't acc't of himself, family & friends in that part of the country. Ended the day (reading) assisting father & Geo P. in clubbing manure of which there was a goodly quantity. Perused a large portion of Mr Calhoun's Defense of Nullification - though on the wrong side - yet it would entertain - many parts were grand & sublime. Borr'd old S>Returns of this Dist. 1828 to 32 at the T.Cl'ks Office. Mrs Sophronia, amiable consort of Alanson Norton, E.Benning'n died after a few hours sickness by canker rash, on Thursday the 14th inst.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26 Cold & clear - High roaring N.W. wind. Attended public Examination of B.S.Sheldon's School, Bennington Acad. Heard recite classes in Moral Philosophy, Grammar & Geometry all went off very well excepting in point of speaking which in almost all instances was vastly too low. Miss Foote put questions in a very graceful and easy manner - nor can we say less of Mr S. Settled my tuition bill in full - Adeline - 15 weeks - \$5. - Porter's Analysis \$1.20 Hopkins same number of weeks \$3.75 - In all \$9.95. At noon dined at H.Waters'. Before I quit the school let me say there were present D.Robinson Jun, Henry Kellogg, Gen Robinson & L.Patchin. At H.W' saw a reply from D.McDonald of Hebron, N.Y. to other letters on the cattle speculation (See Feb 22) complying with previous proposals. Would write again on or about the first of May. P.M. walked to Walbridge's, through the Henderson woods & across W's pastures - coming out at Steb Jun's barn. Found father & son engaged in boiling sap - the latter informed me of particulars in regard to a late school meeting in this Dist. No.16 at which there were present 47 voters - his party out-voted that of Deac. Hinsdill all hollow - & there was a resolution passed for dividing the Dist. by a N. & S. line running through the center of the school house - and it was the calculation of those about to secede that if the other Dist. would not pay for half the S. house - to saw it asunder, put fire to it & consume it at once. Provided the town should grant them leave to be set off, were immediately going to build a new S. house. Saw Mr Ruttenbur - the old paper maker. My errand here was to buy cows, but said they had none for sale. Viewed the stock of S.Sen'r, his sheep shed, barns & hay - all in excellent condition. Did not see his flock, which he s'd comprised 70 h'd good sheep. Only one difficulty attended - & that was lack of hay - but he said he could borrow of his son - These men were for Haswell to be continued Town Clerk - and for dividing the interest of the S.Fund - In this last I widely disagreed with them - and was as much with them as to the first. Came up the same way in which went down - met uncle Sam'l R. a few rods beyond Haswell's - conversed a few moments respecting T.C'k &c. Visited printing office - Saw Col Merrill, S.Clark and Henry Fassett - Procured Gazette. Returned home with Hopkins. Early in the evening our

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our old friend Sothworth - firm of S. & Brown - came with H. Breese to take off the cheese bargained away on the 19th - Filled 4 casks with 27 cheeses - weighed the same by Hicks' steel-yards (\$1) Lbs 1126, for which rec'd pay in full \$78.82 - for 2 casks 75 - Total \$79.57. Got to be so late before this business could be accomplished as to make it necessary for them to tarry with us over night - Mr S. perused some parts of my Jour'l or rather I read it to him - particularly in regard to Jan 3. Blocks & chips were gathered in woods.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 Clear & cold, severe as winter - severe N. wind.

Mr S. & Man tarried until after breakfast - the former examined jour'l of which he appeared to think much. Pushed off to attend 2d day examination - heard classes in Chemistry, Nat. Philosophy & N. History & Geometry. Many gentlemen & ladies were present, among whom were L. Patchin, H. Kellogg, Capt H. Robinson, U. M. Robinson, Buckley Squires, James Hubbell and many more not recollected. Miss Adeline belonged to the class in Chem. & N. Hist. The class in U. S. Hist'y was examined after I left - wished much to hear it on acc't of my son being a member of it, but had to withdraw in order to attend Town meeting. Of this I can say little - Rumor had spread hints of putting in new T. Clk, new Collector & c but I believe the old ones were reappointed, in all departments, with few exceptions - and the town's business was executed promptly and finished off in fine season. Wm Henry Esq, Moderator. The school money was left untouched - some good things were said upon it by our friends Judge S. Robinson & H. Hall - so I was informed, for I was not present. Self & Geo. walked over to E. D. Hubbell's barn to view his cows which he had offered to sell. On examination found the old one's fore teeth were failing - the other looked pretty well, but we presumed from acc't that her character was not up to what we required. Most of his stock was in low flesh, at the same time in his barns he shewed us plenty of first rate hay. I exhorted him to feed his cattle more profusely & he would see his acc't in it - not only that, but to stable his cows in winter. - he appeared to be sensible that my advice was correct, saying he should do so in future. Visited the farm & stock of Gen'l D. Robinson - saw the cow which J. Davis wanted I should buy - appeared very well, but there being uncertainty as to when she would have a calf made me contented in regard to the offer. The gen'l had a fine red beast lately come in, which I would have purchased at a reasonable price - but on questioning him he told us that he would not sell his best without an extra price - which he set at \$30. Offered to sell others which I did not want to buy. Returned home late in the day. At H. Waters' wrote a letter to J. A. Wight mostly respecting what is here exhibited - made some comment on my wife being rheumatic & c. Said letter was conveyed by Albert, son of Capt H. Robinson, Mar 28.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28 Very cold & freezing - especially in the morning - high wind from N.W. We prepared stabling for 6 additional cows. Toward eve'g we went towards Dec. E. Dimmicks to bring home the cows purchased on the 11th

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inst. When we arrived there found I had a good calf, another had been unfortunate - looked very thin & lathy. He offered me another, rather homely, one horn off - calf by her side - at \$20 - agreed to it - and went into his house in presence of cous. Geo, my son, Mrs D. & 2 young ladies & paid in full for 8 cows \$188 including note against Dr H. Swift for \$120, due April 18. Took cows & drove them home, but it was late before we arrived on account of the slow movement of the young calves - Dewey Hubbell say us on the way & questioned us some respecting prices &c. which we did not answer very directly. Our friend H. Parsons had come from Hoosick to make sale of the Tan Brook place. I had endured some anxiety about our bargain with deac. D. from the date of it until its finish in final completion - and had finally become pretty well reconciled to it - when all at once a new flaw was discovered in it. Mr Starin at town meeting told me that 3 of the cows purchased by me had calved, but on reaching home we found that we had but one belonging to that lot - the 7 first bargained for - we supposed we ought to have 2 - so we concluded the deac., according to evil report, would be base enough to make an exchange to suit himself. This was enough for me - slept but little all night. I. B. Dewey staid the night with us.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 Very fair and fine, but hard frozen in the morning.

Strong blasts of N.W. wind prevailed all day. First business in the morning was to post to deac. D's where we arrived a little after sunrise. Saw L. Godfrey with a pretty badly bruised face from squabble with Sharp the Baker of E. Village. When he got a hint of our business he said he tho't last evening the deac. had been cheating somebody he seemed to feel so happy - However on enquiry found nothing had been done incorrectly - all was right - the cow we had ordered Hopkins to drive out was the best in the whole parcel - met him and turned him to the right about - I came home, rather ashamed of my conduct, across lots leaving G.P. to assist in driving home the cow - all things were right - had fidgets for nought. Father & Geo carted manure in to Cl's Orch'd. I accomp'd friend H. Parsons to Maj L. Norton's where saw Jed's Dewey settling acc's - After his withdrawal the Tanbrook question was brought up - a long negotiation ensued. Major L., for many reasons, among which was the prospect of his son going to Rutland or Portland, Me to set up business for himself - wanted the place only enough to give \$250 therefor - shewed great indifference toward the matter - willing to let it stand as it did some time, cared not how soon they might sell it. They occasionally talked upon this - and had a good deal to offer on other subjects. H. shewed a considerable quantity of Western money which Mr N. said they would like to exchange Bennington money for - he said he would call and do it. He tried all in his power to get him to say he would give \$275 for the Place - but to no purpose. Dinner was announced - we dined - after which there was more talk - and finally Judge Luman came up with us to view

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the premises - Marched all round - finding buildings & fences in very bad condition - many boards on the W. end of the back-house had been stripped off & destroyed. Much was said in regard to price, but the Judge was firm at his offer of \$250. Came home before their conference was ended. Afterward Mr P. came up with his mind about made up to sell at the Judge's offer. He wanted me to go with him to remind Mrs H. of her bargain about the rent last Dec. - but on going to the house found it fastened closely - so we came away pretty well satisfied where the boards had gone to. Friend P. went off in his sulky to E. Bennington on business, intending to return in the eve'g, but he did not it seems.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 Clear - high wind from N.W. pretty chilly - Manure was carted on to the S. meadow. Board fences and gates were repaired. Visited by Mrs D. Waters who was waited upon to & fro by Hopkins - Miss Arvilla Morgan after a visit of 2 or 3 days returned by the same conveyance - H. Waters paid his respects to us at the close of the day. On the 28th inst. rec'd \$20 tow'd borrowed money from Sam'l Chandler - lent 28th Jan'y last.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 The most spring looking day seen the present season Atmosphere blue with smoke - soft breezes from S.E. or apparently from that quarter. Wife & children, sister & cous. Geo., were at church & heard curious sermons deliv'd by Mr Hooker - which leaned pretty hard tow'd pointing a way in which the poor of the town might be disposed of better than at present - by keeping them located on a farm instead possessed by the town. I had my hands full of writing in this book. Our friend T.C. Parsons paid us a very friendly neighborly visit. Cous. I.B. Dewey left this morning for Methodist meeting E Bennington, intending on the morrow to commence for the season working at Mr Pearces' (S.pt) at \$11 pr month.

MONDAY, APRIL 1st Very handsome & fine - Flocks of pigeons were seen on the wing - butterflies out in profuse gaiety - snakes were seen crawling about - scarcely no frost in the ground - plowing could be executed without difficulty. Two pairs of gate posts were erected & gates suspended thereon. These gates opened, the one into the lane S. of the 'Dry Brook' the other into the pasture attached to the upper orchard. Repaired fence N. side of the garden & attended to other minor concerns. Rec'd a load of lumber by the (hand) team of E. Lyon Esq - 1040 feet barn floor planks. Little snow could now be seen. The young Breese cow had an heir - a fine little red cow of the number purchased of the Deac. had one on Saturday (morn) night or Sunday m'g.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2 Fine weather continued. Visited the street with Hopkins. Bo't of L. Patchin & Co 11½ lbs nails for which paid \$1. - paid also \$1.69 bill pr Adeline. Visited Mr Haswell concerning School money - No order had been issued - could pay over no money. Mr Clay's project & Nullification rec'd a passing comment. Had gate hooks & staples made by S. Chandler. While waiting at H. Waters' wrote letter to Sylvester Stewart, White Creek, to write me all about his cows if he had them for sale

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Hay on hand on the 1st inst extended across the W. bay - 9 ft wide - 12 high beside which there was a mow on the E. scaffold which we computed at 3 tons. We were feeding daily 30 hd of cows, 1 yoke of oxen, 1 mare & colt. Mr Getty was here this morning telling large stories of what farmers could do & had done in Washington Co., N.Y. particularly a Mr McKee in Cambridge, who formerly sold annually \$3000 worth (two) young cattle - possessed a great deal of land - did not allow himself or people of his household to sleep over 4 hours in 24. A great deal of board fence was repaired this day which led us into Maj L. Norton's neighborhood. Went there for N.Y. Spect. of Mar 28 - Understood wool & every kind of farmer's produce was rising in price - Wool of inferior quality worth 50 cts pr lb. Last year in the town of Boston, or City, as they write in these days, there were two millions pounds - now from that place round to Albany there was not $\frac{1}{4}$ that quantity on hand.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 Cldy - S. wd - some rainy P.M. gr'd pretty dry. Pair bars erected leading into C's orch'd - Road worked leading tow'd upper orch'd. P.M. collected materials for cow pens. Hopkins was sent to Sim Harwood's to inform him respecting calves - sent word that he would come over next day. Cheese said to be very scarce throughout the country. Had 7 cows on the milking list.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4 Appeared likely to rain all the forepart of the day however, proved to be a fine P.M. Rec'd visit from cousin Simeon, but he purchased no calves. About noon marched up ST - saw H. Waters & hands or say Jones & Dan'l Allen, opening cellar drain which had become filled up, intending to sink it lower & make it wider. H.W. accomp'd me to the late residence of Widow Anna - relict of the late J.E. Robinson Esq, where her household furniture was exposed to public sale - and it was said to have sold better so than in any other way. Gen'l Henry Robinson, auctioneer. The auction was pretty numerously attended. Gen'l D. Rob., D. Rob. Jr., Heman R., John Vail Sen., J.C.V. E. D. Hubbell, Jas Hubb., Dr N. Swift, Tho's Matteson Jr, E. Lyon of Woodford & c & c E.D.H. bo't fire fender for \$7., Lyon large brass hand irons, I think for \$4.- cant be too minute - Must mention seeing a Quarto Edition of Guthrie's Geog. published in April 1794, Philadelphia by Matthew Carey. Previous to going to the auction had seen & conversed with Lyon respecting shingles which he said I might strike out of his bill & procure elsewhere as he could not get them at the rate I proposed to have & have them warranted. This business was transacted at F. Blackmer's. Afterwards saw W. Haswell on the subject who said he presumed he could get Lilly's shingles delivered at our house for \$2 a bunch warranted in full. Forgot to say saw Starrin at F. Blackmer's who said I had in the eight got 6 good cows of Deac. Dim'k. Also spoke to Lyon to furnish hemlock planks - 1900 ft for stable floors - $\frac{1}{4}$ part at $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick. Saw Mr Hall late in the day and talked respecting Mr Clay and many of the foremost M.C's - the former - a great speaker - Mr Webster next behind him - neither his superior in argument. At L. Patchin

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bo't back sawn selected by B.R. Sears & paid \$1.25 for it & then at Sanford & Brown's bo't camphor gum and essence of pepp'nt w'nough to am't to 28 Or 29" - paid. Also got 6" worth alcohol at F. Blackmer's - paid. Sim Harwood did not purchase calves. Conversed with friend Brooks a few moments & came home. Father had visited cous. Harwood who engaged to build cheese press on Tuesday next - forwarded yellow birch plank by one of Lawrence's sons who conveyed to cous. S. a bbl of cider at \$1.50 I saw Mr Getty and made proposals for buying stack of hay on the hill in the neighborhood of the Tall Elm - might have it at \$12, or for what I should esteem it worth after removal - chose the latter condition. Mr Hall presented me with a copy of Mr Webster's Great Speech on the Enforce't Bill and lent me Mr Arnold of Tenn. on the Tariff. I mention this a little aside from due order.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 Some unpleas't, dark, rather rainy, melancholy. Wind N.W. Attended funeral of Mrs Hicks, amiable & worthy partner of capt James Hicks, long a resident of this town, possessed of a fine disposition - ever ready & willing to render aid and assistance to every one in whatever station in life. Her character was pure & spotless. She had reared a large & respectable family of children - of whom 3 had died - leaving 9 to mourn her departure. She was in her 63d year and died of consumption on the 2d inst. Before service spent some time at Sanford & Brown's looking at Poley's Theology Illustrated. During the delivery of Mr Hooker's sermon, which no doubt was very good, I slept a good deal, could not help it. The audience was numerous & respectable. Service being ended called on Dr N. Swift for int. on money let Jan 7. Allowed me \$1.70 - of which gave back 50 tow'd repairing meeting house, fitting up stoves, pipe & providing fuel &c. Solomon Bennett was there on business in regard to debt due the Bank against himself & others.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 Very fine day indeed & one ever memorable to me. We were chiefly engaged in the removal of hay bo't of Getty which proved to be much damaged, besides there was about one third or nearly that wet & swampy - some of which was so badly put up or stacked in such plight as to be rotten, good for nothing but manure, did not feel willing to allow more than \$12. for it - at the same time had the quality been good should have been willing to give \$15. It was this business which made us neglect mending our Dimmick cows in due season, which might possibly have led to what followed. Ordered potatoes for them 1 or 2 o'clock P.M. - father & Hopkins attended to this. We proceeded forward to get a load of hay - but had not been at the stack long when Hopkins came running to us with news that one of those cows was choked with a potato. Immediately we came down - found friend T.C. Parsons who had been making attempts at relief. Geo hastened off without loss of time to procure the assistance of our friend J. Brooks with his swab affixed to a long rod with which he had successfully operated in many similar cases. After some time Mr B. arrived - made one attempt - removed the cause a little. The next proved fatal and she died within 3 hours afterwards. Mr B. staid awhile to observe how she did, but went away previous to her breathing her last. George skinned her in the evening - opened the neck and found the potatoe had been pushed through the pipe tow'd the right shoulder. The potato was not

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over large, but at the same time vastly too large for the space it occupied in this poor creature's gullet. Thus ended this day. So goes the property, not less than a \$25 bill. She was a fine gentle well built well disposed red cow, perhaps 7 or 8 yrs old, any child could milk her, was doing finely, having bro't a calf the last day of March. Friend Chatfield did not stay long after seeing friend B. operate, but went on to visit his friends in Pownal. Cous. I.B. Dewey came over from Pearce' on the old Col Safford farm complaining of much ill health from canker rash. Wid. P. & others in Mr P's family sick. Parsons had lately come from Hoosick - there seemed to be a great damper on the sale of the Chatfield Place. Seth P. seemed determined not receive less than \$275 for it.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 Continued warm, hazy, gentle breeze from S. Geo. Adeline & Hopkins went to church. Mr Brooks, accomp'd by S. Merrill and Mr Phelps, came down to examine the carcass of the cow, which he did at leisure, saw the potatoe, and was perfectly satisfied as to how everything had turned out. I exonerated him from all blame in the affair and offered to pay him for his services, but he refused taking any in consideration of the distressing issue of his attempts at remedy, so I heartily thanked him for the good intention he has manifested in all he had done. After taking his friends about the premises to let them view our cows, they departed. Cous. Ira came over from P's poorly as to health. H. Waters & W. Ault made call here - the former said, agreeably to his late dream, we must yet lose one more cow. Evening perused a part of Mr Adams' celebrated Report on Manufactures. T.C. Parsons came down from Pownal and tarried over night.

MONDAY, APRIL 8 Had slight showers from S. during the morning - held cldy all day. G.P. butchered 2 calves & 3 kittens. Tips of the Dimmick cows were sawed off. Elihu Wright carried away carcasses of cow & calves. Visited S.H. Brown at his upper barn & paid him in full for hay \$12. Friend Getty & E. Wright were clearing a stable of manure - many anecdotes were related - some talk was had respecting the Fay farm. After getting home assisted in weighing loading of cheese press beams. That of the longest amounted to 623, the other to lbs 668. Mr Sayres agent of 3 Temperance Papers published at N.Y. copies of which he exhibited, came to solicit subscriptions. Self & Geo P. signed for the T. Advocate, for 1 yr, price \$1.50, exclusive of postage, which added thereto would cost us \$1.14 a piece, enough to make up our Temperance Bill. Sim Thayer Jr came to solicit me to buy a cow of him. Heard his story respecting her - bo't last Fall of Amasa Pearce for \$14 had formerly been owned by B. Squires. Mr Thayer dined with us & withdrew - Rode with my lady to H. Waters', halted a moment to inform H.W. that I wanted him to come down to alter the gearing of cheese press which he promised to do after cementing Dr H. Swift's stone gate post. Contin'd our course to E. Village, deliv'd to T. Hill's 48 lbs cow hide for which he allowed \$2.40 - In shoes pr wife \$2 - remainder in money - saw friend Chatfield who was some anxious about the sale of Tan Brook. Thought

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his brother had better accept of Major Luman's offer, \$250., than to miss the chance of selling it. James Chandler appeared to manage the shoe department as to sales. While Mrs H. was trading at Aus. B & Co's went to see B. Squires respecting the cow which S. Thayer wanted to dispose of so concluded on going no farther - as he said she was not such as I wanted - large size, only middling for milk, ugly to manage. Rec'd note of \$8 given Jay Ballard Oct 10 1832 - which was not thought of on the first of Jan last. Returned to Aus B. & Co - Bill was entered on hand book - wife rode up street with B. R. Sears. I followed after getting sixpence worth lime of T. Hills $\frac{3}{4}$ Net on the road to town M. Manchester's brother of whom inquired if he could tell who wanted to sell a good cow - yes - S. Wager had cow & calf - very fine - which he had thought some of buying himself - I intimated that I was not disposed to take the bargain out of his hands - O no. he replied, I should not - Requested him to state what he supposed the property was worth - He hesitated - said he formerly had been much acquainted with buying, on that acc't claimed some pretensions to judgment in the business - rather hated to say - but wanted to assist me all he could - he presumed her to be worth \$24. So I hurried on thinking possibly I had time to go to Wagers' to see the prize before the day ended - Left h. & Wag. at H. W's - visited the Hill to get school money - rode up with B. R. Sears - saw W. Haswell talking with some one or two in the street - he knew what I wanted - sent me to Col Blackmer's to get my school order - Posted down there - Saw Dr Millington, Mrs Blackmer & a gentleman stranger. Dr M. endeavored to find said Order - had to give it up - Mrs B. said I must see Col M. at the office of S. H. B's. As I came out to go there William came past and accomp'd me thither. Here they were preparing for a petty suit between Sam Fay Sen & somebody else. Col B. was not prepared with the Order. March off up to his house for it. Before his return friend Haswell paid over the money informally without waiting - \$36 in full - at 75" pr scholar. At this office saw R. Booth, Farwell, N. Noyes, U. M. Robinson & c. We came home - found H. Waters & Ault working on press which they finished by dark. Hiram Scott had been here to engage his son to work for us - but father told him we did not need help at this time. Ira B. Dewey came here on continued with us on acc't of ill health, bad cough & c. At some convenient time I may give some acc't of the House place & J. F. Billing, of which he lately took possession, being a free gift of his mother.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 Cloudy, rather cold - some little showers of fine rain were scattered upon the mountains in the morning. Wind came pretty strong from W. & N.W. After duly watching over & assisting in management of barn affairs - milking & c - started off S. with Hopkins - crossing farms to L. Jewett's - halted to inform my friend J. of having procured school money - which he told me to hold onto for the present - Enquired as to Wager - said he did not think he had anything worth going to see and as to Manchester, the fellow would lie when the truth would serve him better. They however said that Stephen Burlison could inform me of one owned by his sister which she would sell. So we marched forward to or very near Wid. Billings' - saw Burlison who described as well

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as he could the cow belonging to his sister, and the reason why she wanted to put her off was because she was unruly - otherwise her character stood fair. We proceeded by way of the old road beside which saw the 4 mile stone, to Mr Wagar's. Met & conversed awhile with Esq Bates who offered to sell a cow - which I was not prepared to buy - said he meant to come & buy some cider of us - wanted to know on what terms we sold - told him at 9/0 & 9/6. Crossed over the brook to friend W(s where it appeared they were trying to raise the timbers of new saw mill flume - Looked at his cow which we found to be but an apology for a good one - small, lean, thin, poor lathy brindle 4 yr old heifer - teats not exceeding the size of those attached to a ewe. So after viewing another of better quality with broken leg and exchanging a few words in friendly way with Mr W., we stretched our course up the mountain to the W., crossing a field in which Esq Bates was plowing with a pair of oxen - saying a few more words to him respecting cider & enquiring the way up to the Buck & Potter neighborhood. We pushed on up a steep hill covered with wood - toward the summit of which found some remains of snow - came out over the ridge nearly opposite to Mr Buck's - and then bore away for Mrs Duncan's where we called and rested ourselves awhile - She was tolerably well & very sociable - gave us a full acc't of the Burleson cow which she pronounced a good one but the grand failure was that she would throw fence, get into mischief herself & let others follow her. The description was so bad I would not go to examine & therefore I came from Mrs D's directly home, across lots - Hopkins in co. P.M. started in waggon to go to the W. part of Bennington to look at a Mr Greenslet's cow - had first to visit Dr S. Robinson - whom I found at home - gave him my errand - heard aubt S. a mom't on her Records - and with Hopkins for driver went by way of Vails & Harmons' round by Babbetts' to the next new house of Mr G. where walked in, saw & conversed with his lady concerning the cow, which of course she spoke well of, Pointed her out to me and I went near & examinad her - appearances were good - returned to the house - told her I supposed the creature was worth \$25. Her husband being at work at some distance from home for ~~Harmon~~ Harmon - had no chance for bargaining - therefore we shaped our course for home - made a brief call at Mr Dan's - On arriving in the street found uncle Sam Robinson at Patchin's - suffered him to get into the waggon to proceed directly home - I wanted to see some persons there on business - Sim Thayer Jr came once more to me - saying his uncle Sam would sell a first rate cow which he must dispose of because she was breachy - Promised, not thinking of Fast, to come over on the morrow - Went into Court - saw Judge Williams & 2 other judges whose names I did not recollect. A witness was telling his story, something relative to the acknowledgment of a deed given of land in Shaftsbury in the Draper neighborhood - My time was but short - so I learnt no more respecting the matter - Came down stairs - saw Dr Morgan of Pownal - spoke with him - saw S.D. Walbridge who said if he had been present at the time our cow was choked he could easily have saved her - would have warranted her

her for 2 cents - Others who talked respecting that matter offered the same kind of consolation. Visited Post Office hoping to hear from White Creek - no letter came - conversed with S. Wadsworth respecting a young cow which he had lately sold to H. Robinson, which the latter had expressed a wish to sell me. Mr W. gave her a pretty fair recommend & what was a little against me E. Fillmore had put in for her likewise - but had not applied to capt Heman the real owner. I again saw the capt, who said he would send for her home within a day or two so that I might call to view her. Got home about dark - Dr S. had performed his part very successfully, for which I tried to prevail upon him to take pay - but he refused altogether. I thanked him sincerely, resolving on a future day to remunerate him for it. Among others seen in the street must mention Hiram Wallace, formerly a merchant here - first setting up in 1817 - broke down in 1822 or 23 if I am correct. Age I could perceive had made some impression on his countenance - enquired earnestly in regard to his old dog Fayette which he left at his house when he removed to Connecticut in 1828 - ever since the fellow had lived with us, except 2 weeks in the fall afterwards when W. sent for & had him conveyed to Litchfield, whence the dog effected his escape & returned home again as mentioned in my Jour'l of Oct or Nov 1828. Saw Gen Henry Rob., Clerk of Court - in good health. Rec'd letter from Mr Wight, dated Wmst'n April 4, 1833 - Broke out rapturously on the late fair weather - Sent directions what kind & how to cut cions - Vitals gone - Term would end in 3 weeks - Time passed off rapidly.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 Very fair but cold - wind blowing strong from N.W. Seemed much like Sunday - wrote Jour'l - perused papers tow'ds eve'g - likewise looked at a few passages of Scripture. Friend T.C. Parsons visited & conversed with us. Geo & Hopkins, Lydia & S Harwood & daughter went to church where it was said Mr Hooker performed up to publick expectation. This was our Vt Fast. In the eve'g W. Ault & Hopkins exchanged hens. Ira B. Dewey went from here in the morn'g to Methodist meeting in Algiers - did not return in the eve'g.

THURSDAY, APR (12) 11 Chilly SE w'd prevailed - some little dashes of rain were showered upon an ungrateful race of beings, or upon the earth on which they live, move & have their being. Many offices were performed by the diff't personages residing under this roof which it would be tedious & dry to enumerate. The Commencement of making cheese of course required the fitting up cheese press. A part of the day was devoted to sowing plaster by fath. & G.P. they after w'ds gave it up on acc't of wind & went to clearing the orch'd N. of the house of stones - calculated the ground for mowing the pres't season. After inkering cheese-press rode off in 1 horse waggon with Hopkins for the E.p't of the town - Viewed a cow offered by Sam'l Thayer Esq for sale. The old gentleman being much out of health entrusted the management to his son. I looked at a yard full of mean looking cows which had been vastly wronged in regard to feeding. That which they pointed out to me was of good size, fair

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red, pretty large long horns - well set out in the milking department, but too old, & frightfully ~~red in flesh~~ low in flesh - 9 or 10 years old. The price was beyond the recommend - and the recommend was full & fair. Price \$27. Charles Thatcher would have driven her off at that had he been able to procure a boy to assist him in driving. This circumstance weighed little with me - saw nothing to induce me to pay a high price for a creature placed as I found this - Made up my mind that had she been my property & I were to offer her for sale, a less price would have satisfied me. I made no particular offer - Requested to know if \$27 was the least he would take - at first he said it was - upon which I started to go off - but finally he said he would venture to put it at \$1 less though it was against his father's express command - I however staid not to parley further but drove up to Gen'l Robinson's to see Heman's little Wadsworth heifer. The general first found sharp with his man, fault, about the busy colts, hay racks, in the yard out of order, &c. after which he went off splitting wood, singing the Duke of Holstein's March. I saw & examined Heman's property which I found not such as I exactly wanted, pretty poor & lathy - H. was a juror in attendance at court - so bringing S.H. Brown & lady along as far as their house came home in in the early part of the eve'g. In the course of the P.M. had seen A. Ovatt & Allen Brown on their way tow'd home. The former said he should be 50 years of age Sept. next.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 Rainy, especially P.M. wind changed to N.W. - Manure & ashes were carted into the S. meadow. Many notions were attended to. Walked to Algiers - saw & conversed with Mr Deming sometime. Visited Henry Sage & found our sawing had been done - said he must have his pay down for it because he wanted money to meet a bank demand. At Turner Hill's bargained 25 bbls potatoes at 2/0 - played on flute in the shoemaker's loft. Called at Aus. B & Co's store, borrowed umbrellas & came home. Had previously called at J. Rogers' and borrowed an overcoat. Wrote Jour'l in the evening.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 Cold, some snow on the ground - high dry w'd from N.W. - held pretty cold all day. Those potatoes engaged on the 12th were loaded up & deliv'd according to contract - 9 bbls at his house, that is T. Hill's - 16 at the boarding house of J. Voluntine - tenanted by 2 of Turner's workmen - Allen & Amidon - the former from White Creek - Informed G.P. that Sylvester Stewart had sent word by him to me Feb 23 concerning his cows, but which never reached me - and on the first day of this month they were sold at auction - himself & family going to remove to the West on the 15th. We proceeded up to the sawmill and there worked bravely getting oak, maple, butter-nut and bass lumber out from under a great quantity of stuff belonging chiefly to B. Squires - whose team came late in the day to remove it - Our bill of sawing was made out to us - 3095 feet. I told the Sawyer I would settle

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only for 3000 ft, the remainder should be thrown in tow'd our trouble in getting at it - \$6.00 was left with Mrs Sage - \$1.50 to be paid in but-
ter. Had seen Sage at Aus B & Co's & agreed how to do. A gingle re-
specting ash timber was had with young Grover - it appeared he had bo't
off & worked up the same. Saw Laurin Peck who stated that the cask
which he retained last Fall was sent to Doolittle's Mill as ordered by
me. G.P. came home & butchered a calf. I drove home the team having
on board 600 ft oak lumber for cart body & barn doors. On Friday a man
of coulour came with 2 loads lumber for E. Lyon Esq tow'd contract.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 Frozen considerably in the morning - fly'g clouds &
high N.W. wind - blew unusually heavy - after attend-
ing to a variety of every day concerns, hauled on the Sunday dress &
attended public worship under the preaching of Mr Hooker A.M. & that of
Mr Johnson P.M. - the former on secret prayer - Mathew 6 v 6 - the lat-
ter on the importance of educating the dusky sons & daughters of Africa
St James, 5th., 19th & 20th verses. G.P. walked with me to meeting.
Lydia & Adeline gave attendance on foot - there was good singing - Our
friend Chatfield paid us a visit - returned to E. Village late in the day
Cousin Ira B. went to Methodist Meeting - being the determination of a
4 days gathering.

MONDAY, APRIL 15 Very fair - most of the day cold - wind N.W. Rode
away in waggon with Hopkins - found friend Deming
at F. Blackmer's - he accomp'd us to F. Wickwire's to view a cow for sale
- discovered her in S. Harwood's meadow with young calf by her side -
She appeared fair - worth \$25. Left word with his wife that if Mr Wick
wire wanted to sell, I should like to buy provided the price could be
agreed on - Desired his lady to tell him he must send me word respect-
ing the matter. We withdrew for home - landed Deming in E. Village -
thanked him for going over with us - Came home to dinner - P.M. rode
again with Ira B. to see Mr A. Sherwood's \$30 cow which a few years
since he bo't of S.D. Walbridge. J.H. Thomas was there on business. One
of Mr S's sons went out to show us the cow, which in truth appeared
very fine - but I felt as if it was questionable whether she was worth
the price set, therefore would not buy - As we came home called to view
H. Robinson's cow ~~which~~ once more, but she too nearly resembled anatomy
to induce me to purchase - her calf too was a very sleek one. Father &
Geo. sowed plaster during A.M. - wind blew too heavy P.M. for that bus-
iness - so the latter drew home l'd lumber from saw mill - left grist
at the mill. Cous. S. Harwood worked on cheese press.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 Cold morning - S. wind - cldy - grew warmer as the
sun got up. I load basswood was drawn home - anoth-
er of butternut left at H. Waters'. Laying away bass boards & assisting
cous. S. Harwood respecting cheese press made up my employment. Cousin
S. compleated press - charged \$2. for his work - For plank I suppose he
meant to charge \$1.75. Rec'd 2 loads lumber pr Lyons' team

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Adeline & Hopkins attended examination of Ballard's School. I.B.Dewey contin'd with us. In the evening went to an informal School Meeting of Dist. No.2 - present E.Fay Jun., S.Loomis, C.Sibley, L.Jewett. After talking sometime chose S.Loomis, Moderator - another committee was appointed, viz S.Loomis, J.Morton, & Ja's P.Godfrey. Informed Mr L. of having in my possession the school money of Dist. No.2 - Meeting adjourned - all went home - Friend Levi said his daughter Adeline taught our school 1832, 18 w'ks. The black man, Ismael Titus, staid over night with us - gave an account of his escape from his master in the State of N. Carolina. 3 cows had calves this day.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 Cloudy, cold, snowy morning - pretty fair P.M. Started off with a notion of buying A.Sherwood's cow - Rode with G.P. up street - went to view Gen'l Robinson's cows - afterwards met H.Waters who informed me of having picked up a cow for me in Hinsdill's neighborhood - waited some time for him & his lady to get ready to go to H. & Swift's store - Got there past noon - waited the transaction of some business and then went to John Drakes' and saw cow & calf - the former old & thin - at least 12 yrs old - liked her pretty well - afterwards went to see another owned by Davis of Henry's Factory price \$22 - She was small - wretchedly poor - leaked milk - did not wish to buy. Smith Edgerton had one to shew and away we posted across lots from the Ja's Hubbell's father's house S. to view it - turned out to be a pretty, light slim-pied animal six years old - worth at most \$23 - asked \$26 and no less. So no bargain was made. Returned to the bridge - Davis again at me respecting his cow - looked at her again - had no notion of buying - tho' he offered her at \$20 - said he paid for it last Spring \$24., for which I tho't he was foolish. Called at Drake' and paid him his price \$23 for his cow & calf - to be sent for on the morrow. On our way home H. Waters met Isham - rode to Hins'd & Swift's and then took his horse & rode it home. Saw uncle Sam & friend Saff'd R. - Ballard's examination was completed. Deacon Levi Smedley with his son Levi's wife came up from Will's town to convey home his granddaughter Miss Eliza - all tarried here this night.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 Very handsome & pleas't. Deacon S. after reading a Psalm made a fervent prayer - which was succeeded by a short lecture on the frailty of mankind and the emptiness of all worldly enjoyments - the necessity of repentance & preparation for gaining the reward held out to the wise & good - Nine o'clock or earlier they were off. Garden ploughed, cions cut, cow & calf driven home by Ira B. & Hopkins. Cheese from 18 cows weighed 30 lbs. Gett'ys folks were employed at plowing in Fay meadow.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 Handsome & dry - w'd S. Rain much wanted. Sowing plaster on the S.W. quarter of the cow pasture as well as on that adjoin

ing the S. meadow. Hiel Parsons Esq dined here - rode to L. Norton's & made sale of the Chatfield place to said N. at \$250. In 1807 Chatfield bo't it for \$750 - So much had it run down, since that time. John Warner Cobb, originally of Pittsford, Vt., of very fair exterior in manners & appearance, being employed in the peddling business, called to tarry the night with us - granted. I B ~~Duncan~~ Dewey called to pay his respect to Mrs Duncan this day. Had much of Hypo during these days occasioned by some late bsd & very foolish bargains, which joined to loss of cow, Hay &c., made up a sinking bill of not much less than \$60 besides the consciousness of inability or a sort of headstrong precipitation which sometimes attends any pecuniary Transactions.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 Dry, pleas't - rain most ardently hoped for. Finished sowing plaster - the old horse pasture, some ground lying S. of the Fay line - patches of N. & S. mead, in part was sown over. Mr Cobb appeared to be a person who took great notice of stock of various kinds - was particularly pleased with the wool growing business - in which many farmers at the N. were engaged. Said 75 or 100 miles at the N. they kept much finer cattle than among us - and if I wanted good cows he could easily assist me in selecting 10 such as would well answer my purpose. Agreed I would try it another season - highest prices being \$18 & 20 dollars - His father who was formerly fro from Hardwick, Mass., had been dead 9 years - was much employed in the business of surveying - commanded a company of Militia in the town of Pittsford - Said he meant to call on Wid. Gov. Robinson for information respecting his ancestry. Left 8 in the morning. Rec'd call from Capt P. Dewey & lady - they bo't & paid for 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs butter at 1/0. Hopkins & Ira B. amused themselves together P.M. Friend S.W. Southworth visited us late P.M. - read over some of my records of the last 7 years standing. The cow which I last bought came near ~~dy~~ dying by being cast - was discovered so soon that no damage ensued. My mind at times of late had been most unhappily agitated on reviewing over & over agzin the blunders committed within the last 7 weeks - but it was of no use - Pride, Interest & Ambition must be humbled - the rods picked by my own hand were well laid on.

Rec'd 2 lds lumber pr Lyons' team driven by young Downs(- making up the number rec'd present week to 5 loads.

On the morning of the 19th uncle S. Robinson executed a job in his line much to our satisfaction and largely conducive to our interest.

Mr Cobb said he was in his 20th year. One of his brothers had been employed by Root, hardware merch't, Troy, N.Y.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 Continued fair and dry - S.w'd - rained very little in the evening - the article was in great request - grain and grass suffering by drought.

Very closely engaged at writing - Received considerable pompany in the persons of T. C. Parsons, S.W. Daniels, John Robinson, son of the late Geo R., Hiram Waters with his little girl nearly all day. Diadamia came down after service - Benj. R. Sears

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and lady, late P.M. bro't down and read or caused to be read a letter from Mrs Rewey, all smart and lively - compliments to all Bennington friends &c &c. Last of all came A.S. Hyde, J.G. Foote, E.B. Burton, tarried only a short time. Geo P. & Adeline rode in waggon to meeting. Mr Hooker complained of members of church for not attending Friday meetings. In the evening a Temperance Address was delivered by I. Doolittle at the Centre Meeting house. Hopk's attended last meeting. Rec'd 4 late Spect's pr Jason Sibley's son from L. Norton Esq. Our neighbor Sibley settled with his family in the Chatfield house, on the 9th inst.

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Some cold in the morning - very fine all day, but O too dry, too dry - Pastures growing green slowly.

Early lent mare & waggon to Mr Getty to convey his daughter Eliza to Mr Dimmick's neighborhood to commence teaching School in that District. Our business was getting out manure on to land calculated for plastering - bore rye last year - lying N. of where we planted in 1832 - now sown with wint. wheat. Ira B. repaired broken waggon tong & fixed up cheese press bench - helped Hopkins fit up his waggon.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23d Rained slightly in the morning - cldy - high wind - grew cold tow'd eve'g - same business continued.

Thundered P.M., rained a little near eve'g. N.L. Robinson visited here at noon. Evening Foote & Burton of Acad. dropped in a few minutes. Wrote a letter this evening for Hiram Waters to J.C. Andrews, Pittsfield M's - giving an account of the situation of his place &c. Tho's Kent drew (wood) wood for himself. Maj L. Norton came here on an errand - spry & smart - only 48 - conversed on old subjects. The Warren boys were clearing land for him - S.W. the old Street clearing.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 Stormy early in the day on neighboring mountains - air chilly - commenced raining, or rather it misted 1 or 2 o'clock - really expected rain in earnest but we were dispp'td. Continued cloudy to the end of the day - Same employ't again. Ira B. Dewey returned from Harmon's early P.M. Adeline rec'd the company of her friends - Cath C. Dewey, Emily Blackmer, Semantha Robinson and Eunice M. Fassett - Departed for home before nightfall. Mr Sylvester Rosier of Bennington E. Village was said to have stolen a cow in Shaftsbury - 1829 - sold and took the money for her in Pownal. The owner afterwards found his cow and drove her home, leaving the poor buyer in a bad condition - at whose instance we presume the thief was taken up. A transient or itinerant person sold us A Geography of the U.S. upon a new plan - And Historical Chart - or Chronological & Hist'l Ch. of the World - from the creation to 1831. Paid him 60 cts therefor.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 Fine for business, rather chilly, hazy, cloudy - rain expected. Geo P. plowed potatoe ground of 1832 in S. mead. for oats. Father burnt ash brush & worked in garden. I was off the aft. part of the day with wife in 1 h. waggon. At the store of F. Blackmer heard that L. Jewett's cows, 4 of them, were to be sold at the

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post to pay taxes during the 3 yrs last past. Drove to B.R. Sears, left Mrs H. there while I went to Blackmer's to learn more of the cows. Nobody at home excepting a little girl who said she understood the owner had come forward, settled his bills & driven home his cows. Ret'd to B.R. Sears', joined by my lady, started for Algiers, got to the Bank, tho't of errand at Patchin's, drove there, had no oats, so we turned off by the B'k kept down by the Gov R. house up the new road to Mr Ayers', heard the old people talk awhile, bo't a tray for 50 cts to be paid in butter at 1/0. Visited shop of John Harwood, nobody at work, left shoes & boots to be mended, contin'd route up to furnace where halted to know if anyone wished to buy potatoes, found no buyers, proceeded up Turnpike to E. Lyons' - made the same enquiry here - Mr L. had supplied himself - said something respecting lumber which he said would be all bro't on within a few days. Turned round & made for home. At Aus B. & Co bo't tea & garden seeds of which took bill made out by cous. E.D. Waters - Old Mrs Dewey came there on some private concerns - made enquiry as to the health of my parents - Next stage came to Mrs Harris' & engaged her to wash for us during the season. After getting up the hill steered for Sanf'd & Brown's - Saw Hannah Day Gilson to whom promised 20 bbls potatoes at 25" - deliv'd there in Algiers - desired him to find market for 5 bbls more, so as to make up a load for us. Bo't of S & B 3 yds cott cloth at 11 cts pr yd - 3 small articles at the tin shop, 50 cs. Got home ab't sundown. Milked now 19 cows - cheeses weighed from 30 to 34 lbs - Dry doings.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 Continued very dry - everybody wanted rain. Sent to S.H. Brown's & had on cr 3 bhl oats which were sown & harrowed in on the piece of ground just mentioned. While Geo was busy with the team the cow stalls were repaired by father & me. P.M. employm't was picking up small stones & carrying them off the N. orch'd - intending the same for mowing. If I mistake not there was bro't a ld of timber from Lyons', Woodford. Ira B. Dewey went to see his old fr'ds at the Ore³ Bed, W.p't of the town, could not get into business there. Called on Mr A. Sherwood - saw his fine \$30 cow which was yet for sale, rec'd very favorable acc't of her. John Drake had another which he off'd for sale - did not go to see her. Adeline & Hopkins ret'd late in the evening from H. Waters'.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 Continued alarmingly dry. Stones all removed from the orch'd ground aforesaid. Plowing up piece W. side S. mead. occupied G.P. & I.B. during P.M., intended for raising potatoes. Father in the morning rode to Deac. Hinsdill's neighborhood to see John Drake's cow - saw & heard her recommended - 4 years old - some thing under size - milk remarkably rich - very gentle if a male person performed the office of milker - no female could manage her on which acc't he wished to put her off - price \$23 - No purchase was made - Saw another belonging to Hiram Hinsdill said to be very fine, but certain circumstances rendered her an unfit subject to buy - Returned home at noon - worked in garden P.M. - Some advice was sent by uncle S. Rob. in his line touching a case which was new to us, which we resolved to be up to. Sold to

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to wid. Eldad Dewey, six bhls potatoes, price 25". Mr Davis of E. Village came to wait upon her in 2 h. wagg. - Molly Danforth came with them - Mr D. said he was formerly of Pittsford, Rutland Co., - spoke highly of all kinds of cattle kept in that part of Vermont - advised me the same as our friend to go there to buy cows - had also lived in Pawlet & other towns in that quarter - claimed to be extensively acquainted with many people in and about those places. He appeared to understand cattle well.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 A brazen dry sky could give us no rain - smoky, and O how we wished for rain. Cous. G.P., father, Lydia, Adeline & Hopkins attended public Worship under the preaching of Mr (Hopkins) Hooker, who was said to have performed pretty severely. Besides looking to worldly concerns amused myself with the Hist'y of Berkshire Co., settlement of Tyringham, named by Lord Howe, that fine young Nobleman who was killed in the early part of the French & Ind. War, 1755 Agreed to sell to N.L. Robinson on another day the one horned cow, bo't of Deac. D. March 28 for \$20., not being of the class I wanted. He would take her at \$19. Put in my hands a note against Capt M.S. Norton on demand - not to be demanded by agreem't until in July. Henry Fassett's little boy, 4 years of age on the 4th of Mar. last was considered near his end - had the Rattles - Named Charles Henry. Evening meetings were attended pretty fully all round the board.

MONDAY, APRIL 29 Really hot colored copper day - smoky, melancholy - no rain - cheeses dwindling - grain & grass suffering. Work was performed in garden by father. Geo conveyed 20 bhls potatoes to Ore Digger Gillson at 25" on short cr. Grist of various kinds of grain carried to mill. P.M. all hands were snugly engaged in getting up 60 bhl potatoes out of the cellar. Our water pipe became much disordered. Geo & Hopkins went to N. Benn'n to get Mr Beach to come up & regulate it - they started almost at sunset. Mr Franklin Phillips arrived here from (Pittsburgh) Petersburg, N.Y. late in the day - tarried with us ov night. Mrs Ayres made call here this morn'g. Mrs Harris washed for Mrs S. Harwood. Charles H. Fassett died this P.M., only son of Henry F. S'd boy was said to be remarkably lively & bright the idol of his parents - much noticed & liked by all who knew him.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30 Continued very dry and a part of the day severely warm - Past noon there were a few drops of rain - which gave us great expectation of more. Plowing in S. mead. by the upper brook and gardening, the last by father and the ladies, made up the chief business. E. Montague by his friend Rockwood rec'd 2½ bhls cider at \$1.62½ pr bbl on cr. F. Phillips embarked in the E. Stage for Brattleboro, intending to go into N. Hampshire. Mrs J. worked here for H. Waters' people - the lady once known as Hannah Belfield - now wid. Pa Palmer, made a short call in the morning. Some maple trees & other kinds of trees were becoming green.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 Little alteration in weather. S. wind seemed to blow up damp as if rain would come ere long. However dry, the pastures wore a fresh & gay aspect. Leaves coming forward pretty rapidly. Swallows & Barn swallows first noticed the present season - appeared to arrive in the P.M. The plowing commenced on Sat'y was finished. Gardening continued by father. The P.M. was employed in getting pea-brush. Hopkins bro't large grist provender & wheat flour from mill. Our friend Mr J.A. Wight arrived in good health from William Coll. Sold to N.L. Robinson the cow mentioned on Sunday for \$19 in note against M.S. Norton, due in July next. Hopkins assisted in driving her away in the evening - young Sibley boy was ab't with Hopkins this P.M. Mr A. Sherwood came over to know whether I wanted to buy his \$30 cow? If not, he could sell her to Mr Tickney of Henry's Factory. After hearing him relate over the character of the animal, good as it was, refused to buy. We examined the ground and dug to a leak in the lead pipe, which Mr Beach engaged to come up to mend. A part of cou. G's business P.M. was that of butchering 4 young calves.

THURSDAY, MAY 2 Held on dry, sm'ky there was were a few moments when there was were a very few drops of rain blown in our faces - cold discouraging gusts of wind played from N. tow'd the close of the day. Another misfortune - the best of 3 fatted hogs was found dead in the pen this morning - worth from \$15 to \$20. While father worked in Elihu Wright's stead, s'd Wright assisted in taking off the skin of the dead hog - which only sold for 37 in E. Bennington. The meat was cut up by H. & Geo & conveyed to Getty's where it was proposed to try it up on shares by friend W's people. Father bargained for sow & 5 pigs 4 w'ks old with S.H. Brown at \$8. Walked over to S.H.B's to bring home oxen & stone boat - saw E. Lyon Esq talking with Sam'l about buying a pair of oxen - the former stated a number of losses he met with in the course of last year - a pair of good oxen, 1 horse, & a yearling. Spoke to friend B. respect'g pay for s. & pigs, which might run 30 days - could not say what he would charge 3 bhls oats - Aft. returning from B's our friend Beach arrived, assisted him in repair'g leak of pipe. Past noon Geo P. arrived from E. Bennington where he had left 23 calf skins at T. Hills' - by discounting 1 skin for want of size - they counted 22 - at 5 shillings Y'k - would pay next week - Sold hog's skin to B. Squires. Mr Beach tried his pump in vain on the water pipe to clear it for the admission of more water - went away without trying further to remove difficulty, promising to come up again in about 3 weeks. Boards were taken into S. meadow to house potatoes carted out yesterday - Two or 3 loads of manure carted on ground mentioned April 22d - Mr Wight made preparation for ingrafting - a few cions were set by him. Bro't home his trunk in the eve'g - along with many notions paid me \$3 borrowed in March - all fair & square. We now milked 23 cows - cheeses weighed a little over thirty lbs - in days past. Capt Burt wanted potatoes - did not promise any.

FRIDAY, MAY 3 Cold morning - cold day dry N. windblew almost all day. Began plowing the ground mentioned April 22 - had Sibley's boy to ride horse - Manure was spread by B. Harwood & Son.

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Mr Wight at San'd & Brown's on my a/c procured materials of which he afterwards made up a jolly quantity of ingrafting wax - besides so doing found such trees in the orch'd as he engrafted 1832 - We all hauled up about the stove in the evening in very sociable style and talked of many & various kinds of everyday affairs - too numerous & wordy for insertion here. Geo Downs deliv'd for E. Lyons a load of stab. fl planks $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick.

SATURDAY, MAY 4 Held out dry - Great signs of rain, cloudy, dusty & melancholy - wind strong from S. Same farming business contin'd - Hopkins rode horse for Geo - Had now on the milking list 24 cows - cheeses pretty light - had risen from 37 to 47 lbs. Mr Wight ingrafted from 4 to 500 cions in the young orchard - complained of bad cold. I had business over to furnace & that way - bargained to Doolittle a load of potatoes at 25 cts - to Jas Harwood & H. Sage 1 bbl cider apiece at \$1.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ - the former only $\frac{1}{2}$ money. Made short call at J. Rogers' - Late in the day visited Sam'l Rockwood & bargained with him for 50 bbls oil meal at 40" pr bbl - paid him \$10 in advance - Got home in season to assist at milking. Felt much dissatisfied with my management in pecuniary affairs during the last 60 days - looked as if we were running under at the rate of \$100 the pres't year. Our friend L. Norton's Esq cattle visited our great pasture - were driven out - fence done up by father who called on the Maj. - rec'd & bro't home 3 late N.Y. Spect's up to Apl 29 - Said Maj lost a cow or some other kind of horned creature by reason of eating or licking paint - another - a good cow belonging to our neighbor Sibley, kept by Norton, died in the same way. The latter gentleman was presented with \$24 in money to purchase another cow - generously contributed by the Maj., Mr Morton, J.P. Godfrey & Julius Norton. I visited the cinder mill of the F.Co., worked by H. Sage for s'd Co. - had hired I.B. Dewey during the season at \$12. pr month.

SUNDAY, MAY 5th Rained faintly early in the morning - the same faintness continued 3 or 4 hours - afterwards all wore away - drought returned in full vigor - everybody discouraged in regard to rain. All the youthful members of the family - I.B. Dewey inclusive, were off to places of public worship. Had more time than usual to look at papers as well as books. Rec'd visit from John C. Andrews accomp'd by H. Waters late in the day. The former had come to H. Waters' to learn how his place was situated, in consequence of H. Waters letter of Apl 23rd which he rec'd in due season. A kind of settlement of account between him & me was effected by which it appeared he owed me \$5.50. Staid until sometime in the eve'g conversing very lively & agreeably - Doing very well at Pittsfield, M's - wholly employed in teaching & practicing music.

MONDAY, MAY 6 Hot & very dry, wind chiefly N. Assisted Geomin in finishing off piece of plowing N. of wheatfield, commenced on Friday. The latter aft noon - conveyed to the Furnace 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ bbls potatoes at 1/6, rec'd c'k on the Bank for the am't, being \$8.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ - Took in 22 bbls oat meal on S. Rockwood's acc't tow'd cash paid over to him on Friday last. Father & self prepared yard in E. Orch'd

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into which the sow & 5 pigs bo't of S.H.Brown on the 2d inst. Mr Wight pruned apple trees that he had engrafted in 1832. Eve'g walked, no rode with uncle Sam Robinson who had left aunt Sarah to visit awhile - as far as H.Waters' where enjoyed fine music performed in masterly style on violin by J.C.Andrews - A number of the neighbors were present. Capt P.Dewey, J.Brooks, F.W.Woffin, J.S.Merrill, Mrs Coffin &c. Staid late, Adeline & Hopkins were with me & accomp'd me home. P.M. most of the cows were let out to pasture. Blossoms of app. trees were beginning to show themselves - Leaves were in great forwardness - Meadows presented in all dry situations a very unpromising aspect - Rains wanted mortally Mrs L.Dewey came here on visit to mother.

TUESDAY, MAY 7 Greatly to our satisfaction thund'd & rained past noon - all nature seemed to smile - pastures, meadow trees, flowers &c. The corn gr'd was rolled - manure spread in C's orch which Geo., P.M., commenced plowing. Mr Wight assisted in furrowing field for plant'g corn, rain drove us home. Mrs Jepson washed here for H. Waters' people.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 Not so warm as on the 7", short thund storm past noon too light to wet much, nevertheless were rejoiced thereat. Assisted by Mr Wight prepared ground to plant, remainder of day employed with father & him planting corn. Geo P. finished plowing orch' called Clark's, rolled potato gr'd in S.mead. Rec'd 1 ld lumber pr young Downs, who supposed it to be the last. I was sirprised, knowing there were spruce boards 1800 ft yet lacking. This turned out to be an oversight on the part of Mr Lyon who in making out his sawyer's bill omitt-ee the afores'd 1800 ft spruce. Stove removed out of kitchen on the 7th

THURSDAY, MAY (8) 9 Dry, fair, cool day, wind from W. or N.W. Finished planting corn in field & in C's orch'd, in all might say not far from 4 acres - friend Wight assisted - spent some little time with his friend Job Olin - Our old friend E.Carpenter paid us a visit this eve'g - said he was in want of money - proposed selling a cow, but had rather take a good whipping than do so - I promised to give him a call. Laughed much respect'g Mr Farwell's story of a neighbor going to plowing & forgetting his horses. Blossoms unusually forward, grass & grain late & low on acc't of drought. Prospect heavy & dull.

FRIDAY, MAY 10 Chilly high S. wind all day. Rain expected. Planted potatoes around corn fields - employing us until nearly noon. Next G. & fr'd Wight went to digging ~~went-to~~ open ditch in which our aqueduct pipe was laid Sept 11 1832, to search for the cause of the stoppage of water which had taken place within a month or 6 weeks - and they finally after much hard labor in throwing out earth, cutting pipe in 2 or more places, ascertained it to be no more nor less than pieces of cork which were sucked in at the time Beach came to repair leak in Dec. last - said cork was used in stopping pipe at the head & so powerful was the suction that in drawing it - or attempting to do it - they frittered in pieces and so much mischief ensued

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Father went to E. Lyons', Woodford, to see how the lumber affair stood - found it as mentioned on the 8th inst - deliv'd Mr Ayres 3 bbls potatoes - rec'd scoop shovel in paym't. I was up street on business, got Mr Deming to come down to solder pipe. Had I. Doolittle's ck cashed at the B'k A man bro't in a \$3 bill on some distant Bank which was pronounced counterfeit. Saw M.A. Norton along with D. Love, H. Blackmer & Dr Bigelow - heard them talk awhile & then taking N. aside questioned him respecting the note put in my hands by N.L. Robinson a few days since, which according to my cousin's coloring when said note was thus handed over, it would be paid in July next. N. said that was not the understanding, should not attempt paying it until Fall. Called at Gen D. Robinson's, saw & conversed with friend Heman - hired man appeared to be making pine hogstrough - had not disposed of his Wadsworth cow yet - wanted to sell me John Davis' cow - gave great quantity of milk but would kick like a horse. Rec'd before coming to the gen's \$1.50 tow'd cheese from per M.S. Norton, leaving due \$1.21 & of J.S. Robinson \$1.62½ in advance for bbl cider. Farwell came & got it for him. After returning from street assisted some at soldering pipe - the water was introduced - flowed as powerfully as when first put in operation - All in the family well pleased thereat. Mr Deming said his consideration must be set to the cr of San'd & Brown, \$1. - Mr Wight visited the village in the centre in the evening.

SATURDAY, MAY 11 Rained a part of the morning, P.M. & evening had a real great rain - no mistake - just such as was called for. Geo carried off 3 bbls cider which severally were deliv'd to H. Norton, H. Sage & Ja's Harwood - Sage paid money down \$1.62½ - the others to be charged. Called on Gillson & T. Hills for money - could get none - leaving grist of provender at grist mill, came home thoroughly soaked - Hopkins went with him. Among some slight domestic regulations would notice that of removing cheese mostly made in April to the dairy room - 575 lbs besides what had been manufact'd pres't month. Mr Wight after consulting his classics awhile marched to the centre V. & tarried with H. Waters' people. Our milking season was most sorry one in the midst of torrents of rain - then is it that these dairy mongers see trouble. We had rec'd 2 numbers of the Temperance Advocate - Apr 25, May 2 - Cheese of m'g 54 lb. Sylv's W. Daniels made a short visit here P.M. - went on to N. Norton's. Orchards remarkably flush of blossoms which if suffered to flourish must cause abundance of fruit in the ensuing fall.

SUNDAY, MAY 12 A large supply of rain was rec'd during the after-part of the 11th inst - Remained cloudy all this day with freq't showers - w'd S.W. Very warm early in the evening. We would pronounce apple trees in full bloom. Not much to write - of course gave attention to reading, newspapers, books, N. Testament &c. Geo P., f'd Wight, Lydia, Adeline & Hopkins went to meeting - heard preaching of Mr Hooker. Late in the day walked to neighbor E. Carpenter's to see a cow which he had offered for sale - Spent short time in the house conversing with Mrs Carp -

Cows being bro't up, had the privilege of proving the beast - milked her ab't half & gave out - too much in the kicking order for me - Did not wish to buy - talked sometime with friend C. respecting his intended tour to the W - tho't possibly he might visit Ohio - if he should - meant to call on our uncle Jonas Harwood - Parkm. O. C. stated his age as 50 last Jan'y. Saw at C's James Buck, John Duncan jr & another young fellow. Left C's before sunset, on reaching the old patrimony found Hopkins trying to hunt up the House cow - after a fruitless attempt at finding her, gave it up for nought, but afterwards saw said creature safely surrounded by her clever companions - just before entering the fine night pasture which was open for their reception. Read papers some in the evening.

MONDAY, MAY 13 Contin'd very rainy, particularly so P.M. could not execute much business of importance. Opened drain to the house - laid down spouts bo't of Capt P. Dewey last year, to carry away out whole length - had new ones constructed by Mr Wight of hemlock boards - a part was completed by being cov'd with earth. Rains came on so we had to retire. Mr W. made spouts of narrow boards for running whey. Our dairy was going on very well, but at the rate of about 10 lbs pr day less than in May 1832. Geo P. visited E. Village in the morning - ret'd with bill of work by T. Davis, from which it app'd I owed him \$2.20

TUESDAY, MAY 14 Still rainy but in less degree the day previous - Earth very wet - Removed potatoes which had been left in the field to a more secure spot. Geo P. assisted father in carrying off rubbish from the line of drain lately put down. While engaged in filling Sim Harwood's 40 G. cask with cider, Mr Wheeler late teacher in this School Dist. came with L. Jewett and rec'd his due out of the public money \$24., being 2/3ds of the whole. Latter part of the day with Mrs H. vis'td Aus. B. & Co's store on business, taking up goods on cr to am't of over \$5. She engaged not to go to the store again during the season - extra's excepted. Saw Miranda Harwood & others there. Made thorough enquiry for strainer cloth from Petersburg, N.Y., found none. Cousin Simeon paid \$1.75 tow'd cider - would pay to Asak's Harwood 28 cts the remainder - Paid Thomas Davis \$2.20 in full of ac's to this day as pr cash book - entered Jan 20 1835.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 Tolerably fair, flying clouds, w'd N.W. Pastures growing finely. Mr Wight started this morning with \$53 in money for Shaftsbury to buy 2 cows - Fences nearly all around the farm were repaired - leaves were pretty well grown - butternuts in blossom. Lydia S. Waters very sick.

THURSDAY, MAY 16 Temperate growing season - Spouts erected for running whey - Board fence up lane repaired - potatoes planted in garden - other things attended to in that department. Mr Wight arrived after a fatiguing day with 2 cows & their calves. Bo't big Loomis' cow of Wheeler for \$23. and the other, very handsome & fine, for \$25. - calf 4 days old - the other calf 4 or 5 weeks old - teats of the former cow most cruelly sore, besides being long & big, hard to milk.

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The young cow was purchased of a man in low circumstances named Pratt, nevertheless a lover of trafficking - something like our friend R. Moon who first came into our neighborhood in the winter of 1829. Rec'd load lumber pr team of E. Lyon Esq 890 ft inch spruce barn boards at \$8. Deliv'd to J. F. Billing 35 G's cider & rec'd paym't in full this morn'g \$1.79 Called himself 50 - I say 52.

FRIDAY, MAY 17 Warm, cloudy, some rainy, pastures & grain growing well. Geo P. butchered those calves which Mr Wight bro't home, one of which made good veal - skin weighed 9 lbs - 15 or 16 lbs pr qr. Potato patch rolled & harrowed over by Geo. Father was off to Montague's to see respect'g barn job & lime - the man was altogether in haste - no time to do anything. A satisfactory reply was returned to him who made enquiry. Mr Wight took some rest since driving cows - P.M. went up St& among his friends. I was more than half persuaded to endeavor to buy another \$25 cow owned by Mrs Gibbins, for which purpose travelled on road to Irish Corners - meeting this side Henderson woods a young man from 17 to 20 years of age in one horse wagg. retailing maps direct from Utica - said his name was Johnson - tried to find out by him something our old friend Cha's Brown - but he knew no such person. At J. N. Hinsdill's found H. Waters employed with hands in erecting a sort of Grape house, fixed off in elegant style. Learned from friend Waters that the cow was no longer up for sale - so after staying a few moments talking some with Jo N. returned directly home by same road. Saw W. Haswell who informed me our shingles would be in readiness for us in due season. David Robinson as usual seemed busy in making a little bowling grown N. of his house.

SATURDAY, MAY 18 Pleas't very warm - Vegetation advancing rapidly. Mainly engaged in planting potatoes in which Mr Wight generously took part until a late hour P.M. when he put on fix ups & went to S. Scott's on a little vis. Messrs S. & H. Parsons made a short call at noon, had dinner. The former complained of bad humor in legs, above ankle & below the knee - had to place them in a chair in order to keep them easy - his family had been much out of health of late - supposed them to be getting better now. They came out for the purpose of giving a Deed of the Chesterfield Place to L. Norton & making final settlement with him for the same, but he was from home. Maj L. N. had erected fences on outside of the afores'd places. Sent home papers borrowed of Mrs S. Parsons - Mar 10 - On the 17th bo't at Blackmers 3/4 lbs otter - good - at 50" pr lb. They let me have a sample of an inferior kind - same article at S. & B's at 3/6 - concluded not to buy. S. H. Brown & lady started in coach for Connecticut - driven by black Joel on the morning of the 16th., if I mistake not. Wrote letter by him to Josiah Stone, a brother of Mrs Harwood, to enquire out their condition & to know where Gid. Smedley & wife were. Parsons said their Factory was doing good business.

Rec'd last load of lumber on Lyons' bill pr young Downs, being a fair lot of spruce barn boards, making up with the load next preceding it 1800 ft as called for.

SUNDAY, MAY 19 Cloudy, muggy, warm - short shower of rain 10 A.M. broken clds to the end of the day. Passed through the usual routine of the day, attending to papers, dairy, writing &c. Sent billet to capt. P. Dewey enquiring for Mr Jed Palmer & lady to whom presented compliments requesting them most earnestly to call on me - In fact these people I desired to see more than any acquaintance who had come to town from a distance in a long time. When Mrs P. was young she resided in our neighborhood - went to school to H. A. Fay with her sisters Laura and Sukey. We, that winter, had an exhibition, one of the plays performed was that of the Male Coquette - Capt Flash - which character it fell to my lot to assume. As near as can be recollected the names of persons who had parts in s'd play shall be inserted without being able to specify the parts assigned them: John Norton, Tho's C. Fay, Dan'l Chamberlin, Ward Barney, Elisha Smith, & H. Harwood. The ladies were Clarissa & Lucretia Norton, Betsey Dewey, principal actress, Laura Dewey Persis Smith, Betsey Loomis, & Lydia Harwood. The exhibition was performed in the Ball Room of Mr Joseph House on the evening of one of the last days of March 1802, in the presence of most of the heads of families in the Dist., many of whom are now no more - The travelling was shockingly bad or we should have had a crowded room. Our players were all young - very young, and as to their merits I shall not pronounce. Mr Fay I think managed handsomely & had it carried through in a manner altogether to the satisfaction of the audience. Must not forget to mention that Black Bill kept us in music, playing a coarse violin - we tho't 'twas fine. The persons named above are, as far as I am acquainted, mostly living - W. Barney being the only exception recollected. Some of the gentlemen who honored us with their company I shall attempt naming :- Lem'l Rufus Barney, Eph Smith, Capt J. Norton, Loan Dewey, Joseph House and perhaps Willard Green - all since dead - more I do not recollect. Geo P. & our children went to meeting. Mr Wight came home from Mr Sherwood's where he had st'd over night - came home P.M.

MONDAY, MAY 20 S.E. wind slightly chilly - rained at night. Finished planting potatoes, salted & girdled app trees in C's orch'd, turned boards. Past noon tore down the N't Stable, Mr Wight assisting, in all departments. Aft dinner, Lydia having ret'd from H. Waters' met Mr Palmer & lady to whom she spake a few words, learned that they were to leave town this day - would dine at uncle Pliny's and then take the Alb. stage. I was so anxious to see them that presuming it possible they would be waiting for the stage, walked in haste up to Capt P.D's with that intent, but I was half an hour too late - they had departed for Middlebury, N.Y. where they had resided since 1819. E. Montague pr order had 2 bbls cider on cr. Second day of Graves having oxen. B. Harwood saw s'd exhibition. Sent Getty 25 cts - Paid May 23rd.

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Late this P.M. cous. Henry Robinson with his lady came down on a short visit.

TUESDAY, MAY 21 S.wind, cldy, some rainy morn'g & eve'g. Contin'd chiefly employed in the removal of the remains of building mentioned 20th & clearing the ground of manure accumulated beneath it. Our cows were now doing finely - Cheese made 19th weighed 79 lbs from between 27 to 29 cows. H.Hall Esq sent his son M.Carter here with a bbl to be filled with cider. Done & rec'd pay in full \$1.62½ T. Davis had 3 bhl potatoes pr Hopkins. Friend Wight haltered & exercised the colt awhile - afterwards made a sort of poke for him - then went up street among his friends, returned in season to assist at milking - Going to Billstown tomorrow - Rehearsed a good many lines of fine poetry in the evening. Hopkins & Warren Sibley were together a great part of afternoon - the former was quite unwell last evening and this morn'g

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 Coll very pleas't, flying clds before a gentle N.W. w'd. Past 8 in the morning started to ride to Bill town in 1 h.wagg.with our friend Wight - Called at Maj L.Norton's & rec'd Spect. of 13 & 18 inst which occasionally read by the way when th vehicle was not too much agitated. Crossing Dug Way in Pownal met teams loaded with boxes which were one of the teamsters told us contained calico. Some little distance beyond that place, say 60 Or 70 rods, met with decent looking old gentleman on horseback, who seeing me have a (Troy) paper in my hand inquired how Avery's Trial came on. Mr Wight answered him as correctly as he could - telling him all he knew respecting it. He then told his Nativity & age - born in Worthington, M's, youngest of 8 sons of Dr Morse of said place - who himself took an active part in the cause of his country - assisted in framing first Constitution of the State - 3 of the 8 died in consequence of serving in the War. The old gentleman called himself 70 years of age - appeared smart - drew a pension of \$8 per Mo. Took occasion to let us know he was all a Jackson man. It seemed his family resided in Chetauqua Co., N.Y. was calculating on spending the summer at Worthington - Faith in Jackson very great - called him Washington, Jefferson ' Jackson in one. Said he was at the taking of Burgoyne and afterwards at Cornwallis - had seen and known LaFayette who in his opinion ought to rank next to Washington - hated J.A. Adams - lamented that so much opposition to Jackson should be manifested by the people of N.Eng'd - tho't the only thing that saved Mr Webster & friends was coming out in support of the Proclamation - We replied that that was Jackson against Jackson & drove on. Reached College by 11 A.M. - many students had appeared there already. I took occasion to view the apartment of our friend which appeared pleasant - N.E. gr'd room of the Old Coll - until now used as a recitation room - but according to a new regulation - no longer to be used as such - Saw copy of Bennett's Roman Antiqui-

ties with plates - looked at some other books & was soon away - calling at the store of Southworth & Brown, they passed the usual civilities and conversed with me on dairying, rather favoring the opinion that cheese in the fall would be low - could not or did not feel disposed to make an offer for our early made - which I told them I supposed would be ready to go off by first of July - They baited my horse & gave me my dinner, after which I felt pretty zealous to be off, as I had to go home by way of Petersburg. Heard Mr Brown relate some particulars of his brother-in-law Israel Cole's management of dairy the year past - making from 29 cows 14000 lbs cheese - fed with rye meal & whey - which they carried to such extent as to endanger the lives of some of his cows - particularly so of one called Jackson, which they crowded hard to see if she could be made to give 39 or 40 qts milk pr day. She got so weak, or for some other reason could not rise alone - some others were so, & in order to restore them to their natural standing resorted to bleeding which effected it - Bo't rye at 75 - fed 2 qts a head pr day - & with it 2 pailfuls whey. Past 1 started from Mr B's - called on cousin Marg't at Mr Bridge's who appeared quite rejoiced to see me - Mrs B. complimented me in the usual way - On speaking of the road on which was to cross the mountain - a pretty large corpulent lady sitting at table made request to ride $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles with me - I consented not, feeling as if I wanted no extra luggage on such road - Spent only a mom't with my cousin who had commenced making cheese. Over that lonely mountain I crossed to Mr Phillip's where I found that the object of my journey had been forwarded 3 weeks ago - paid therefor in full \$5.50 - being for 22 yds strainer cloth. Saw old Mr P. now in his 86th year & his son, both in usual health - all the family so including Franklin who soon returned from his book speculation - much disheartened - the wife of Mansur G. had been most dangerously ill since the birth of her child 3 weeks since - all her fond hopes of making dairy from 7 or 8 cows were blown up to the moon - had to hire 2 girls at this time - M.G had come near making a bargain with Joe Case to take a part of his farm and dairy during the pres't season - fortunately for him the contract could never be made. They invited me strongly to tarry over night, but I told them I must go home. Came away in season to ford the river at Case's, which was pretty high, before dark - Reached home past 9. Chief business in my absence was fixing for removal of horse barn. Benj. R. Sears had been down to give advice in the affair.

THURSDAY, MAY 23 Much like 22d - perhaps a little warmer - Went to E Village this morning - saw Hannah Day & informed her I wanted the money which Mr Gilson owed for potatoes very much - tried to see T. Hills but was gone to Woodford - Got cloth for cheese strainers so much wanted at Aus B. & Co's - saw capt C. Hills there - Got home before noon. Plothing & scraping away gr'd for site of new barn made employm't for us. Capt Hicks left Tract here this morning giving account of a converted Scotsman

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FRIDAY, MAY 24 Cool and pleas't - it was said there was frost in certain places in the morning - Business contin'd much like that of the 23d. Two hogs were butchered by E.Wight & Geo P which were suspended under the shed during night - weighed - heaviest - 275, the other 200 lbs. Saw and spoke with Jonas F.Billing as I went over for Wright to assist at butchering. Lydia & Adeline conveyed Mother to H.Waters' - went to Aus B. & Co and traded on cr to am't of \$6 or \$7. Young Burton came here in the eve'g.

SATURDAY, MAY 25 Chilly, cldy, gradually set into a heavy rain at night. Pastures never better. The old shop barn, or horse barn was new silled by Ben R.Sears and his man Norman Daniels and afterwards on timbers & rollers was removed a part of the way to where it was destined to stand. Sylvanus W.D's came this way, assisted some at removing barn & at milking - tarried over night. Lydia went to assist Diademia who was quite ill. H.Waters started on Friday morning on his cattle speculation. Mrs Kent & daughter Warren visited here this P. M. Cheese weighed 23" 85 lbs. Pork cut up & packed this morning.

SUNDAY, MAY 26 Rainy very much so at night while we were employed at milking. A variety of calls kept me from read'g much. Wrote out Jor'l for last week. Assisted my old lady at mixing & salting curd. Cheese hoop burst this morning which occasioned no inconsiderable trouble. Father attended Public Worship only P.M. Geo P., Adeline & Hopkins all day. S.W.Dan's staid in the morn'g & assisted at milking. Afterwards went to meeting & at night bro't down his bay colt which by permission he let go in the woods with ours. The lady of J. Rogers was said to have become the mother of a fine son. Cous. Ira B. Dewey paid a passing visit. Busy teaming to Troy.

MONDAY, MAY 27 Cool, gloomy, cloudy from the E. Continued preparing ground for foundation of barn - dug ditch for walls in part - that is father & Geo P. executed the main part - I assisted in dairy depart't - had a cheese which tormented me a good deal, being the same that was in the hoop that burst - entered under a screw of the cider press. Rec'd visit from L.Jewett in the eve'g - he conversed very freely - borrowed a 17 inch cheese hoop & departed for home. Geo & Hopkins visited E.Village on business at Aus & B's - conveyed 4 calf skins, one of which was of 4 or 5 weeks growth - to T.Hills - returned before 9 o'clock - Hopkins procured the steel pen with which I am this mom't busy - paid Phelps 6" in full. Miss Lydia arrived from H.Waters' this morning, left them getting better. Mrs Harris executed washing here, rec'd in part paym't 2½ lbs April 11th cheese.

TUESDAY, MAY 28 Cldy from S.E. a little rainy by turns - Digging ditch & filling it with pebbles for foundation of barn made up the

chief employment of the day. Disliking the operation of one of my cheese presses made ready to visit Benj R. Sears to get him to put in better trim. Previous to going off in waggon, Gen D. Robinson called to know if we wished to hire 6 cows which he would let from first of June to first of Dec. We signified that we had need of no more cows. The Gen, made many observations respecting horses of the stud kind - knew of none ~~with~~ within 30 miles of Bennington, worth having - or at any rate he esteemed them quite low. Rode to V.D. Speigles where B.R.S. and hands were employed in building stoop in front of kitchen - B. said he could not attend to any business unless it were rainy - would take the first opportunity to do it. Capt O. Abell came there & conversed with V.D.S. about the buildings which excepting barns were principally erected by him & hands in 1817. Speigle said when he erected his house, did not suppose he should ever live to see the time they would need repairs. House finished just about 1 year previous to the death of Capt E. Dewey. Capt P. Dewey informed me that our old Revolutionary friend, capt Jacob Safford, an officer in the Reg't of Seth Warner, of still Gr. M't memory - died in E. Village, 10 o'clock, in the evening of yesterday - aged 80. Funeral to be on the morrow at 1 P.M. Drove down through the Village with intent to see Stephen Harwood in order to have him make a pair of large cheese hoops - 20 inches diameter - $9\frac{1}{2}$ deep - But meeting Mr Sol Lawrence, near Mr B. Webb's, learned that the man was so lame in his right arm that he could nothing do - so faced about - came to Allen, Safford Co store where seeing Francis Wickwire got him to say he would forward a line to cousin S. Harwood, which line with leave of David F. Squires set down and wrote - giving direction respecting hoops as above - if could not have them within a week or so, should not want them at all. As I entered the Village, previous to going up E. saw T. Hills who gave me a very satisfactory reason for not paying me sooner. Returning home w'd rec'd ~~x~~ two 6 G. Pots from F. Blackmer at 6/9 on book.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 S. wind bro't us rain about 5 or 6 P.M. contin'd more or less rainy through the night. Began hoeing corn - had Hopkins & Warren Sibley with us P.M. - the former was sent off to see to cows which we saw a neighboring boy dogging - result was that they had blundered across the line - once or twice where our neighbor had neglected fixing his fence as he should. Father attended the funeral of Capt J. Safford and officiated as one of the ~~pass~~ pallbearers. Sermon by Mr Hooker at the center church - Text, Gen. Chapt .

THURSDAY, MAY 30 Very cold soaking rain attended with high (dry) searching N.W. wind early in the day - Storm ceased by 9 in A.M. - Cool - flying wlds all remainder of the day - frost looked for at night. The afores'd rain broke up the calculation for working on road - so our team was employed plowing patch by cider press and another E. of the house - the former sown with oats - the latter to be planted with potatoes. A short piece of board fence was erected across the E. orch'd. There was an officer training up Street. Henry Warren p'd visit here this eve'g. Dun cow had calf

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FRIDAY, MAY 31 Cold morn'g, perhaps there was frost in some parts, pleas't & cool thro' the day. By order of L. Norton, Esq Surveyor of Highways, all hands were out on the road. The Chatfield hills were repaired, also that this side Brown's, and the bridge near his horse barn was particularly improved by adding a few feet to the E. end. I was present the P.M. only, held scraper mostly with friend Getty, at the conclusion of the day major Luman gave cr to B. Harwood & Son \$5. on highway, Henry Warren being in our employment. Oxen & scraper \$1.50. B. Harwood rate \$8.50, H. Harw'd \$.60 Total \$9.30 Another party was organized at the S - that of which I was one - consisted of Nat Osborn, Levi Jewett, Wm Getty, 1/2 day, John Searls, Henry & Hiram Warren, and Sylvester Osborn, boy in his 14th yr son of Aaron O., in the service of N. Norman - Was acquainted with his father as early as 1800-1801 - weighed cheese of May 29 - 93 lbs. Assisted in getting a very large one to press.

SATURDAY, (MAY) Very fine, tolerably warm, Growing season. Employ'm't
JUNE 1st., on road contin'd - self only half a day P.M. - former part of the day assisted at dairying - took out cheese from press weighing 94 lbs - Our road work was concluded up the hill, S. of Loomis' - all hands departed for home - their remained only 55" due on Rate Bill. By mutual agreem't between ourselves & friend Getty 25 bbl lime was transported from E. Montague's kiln to our house by Elihu Wright in wagg. Geo P. & oxen were in G's employ'm't on the road enough to pay for it. For the first time in many years the possessions of Sam'l H. Brown were taxable on the S. road Dist. Sam H. with lady & waiter arrived from Connecticut (May 18). Hiram Waters reached home having been employed in buying up cattle (Feb 22, May 25). Pasturage, grain & every kind of vegetation very flourishing. Cheese made during the month of Ap'l as weighed from the press amt'd to lbs 575 - do May labs 2087 - total lbs 2662 - Settled with Henry this eve'g, found due him 50 cts which was paid in full - allowed him 75 per day on road - & he performed well too. Out of 31 cows there remained 2 yet to have calves. Hopkins was sent to Or W. Daniels where he rec'd 3 bbls plaster for us, which was left with Mr Graves at the old Doct. S. place to pay borrowed. Let it be mentioned that B. Harwood executed 2 good days work on highway.

SUNDAY, (MAY) Rainy, on the melancholy order, favorable to growth
JUNE 2 of grass &c - Clds low & dark - some parts of the day wind high from S. Rec'd visit from Sim Burtis & lady & Orville Parsons - bro't good reports of all friends in Hoosick. Miss Lydia & Adeline were at Church a part of the day - were waited upon home P.M. by Hopkins, who also had been to meeting - all on acc't of Hoos. company. Our friends took leave late in the day. Cous. G.P. at church as usual. So employed at dairying & writing in this volume that very little time was appropriated to reading. T.C. Parsons & Cous Ira B. Dewey were guests here aft p't of the day. I am requested by G.P. Harwood to record that the cow called Solomons - 12 or 13 years old - gave, this evening, 24½ lbs good milk, probably making for the day 30½ lbs; cheese of June 1 weighed 92 - that of May 31 - 97 lbs.

MONDAY, JUNE 3 Wet & cold - had rained much over night, held very cldy all day, rained about 1 P.M. so as to cause us to quit hoeing - came off chilly at n't. Hoeing & plowing among corn was the order of the day - assisted by Benj'n the son of Elijah Fay Jun After leaving the field & waiting awhile for rain to cease he rec'd 30 cts in full for work & left for home. Jefferson Albro came for D. Love to see if we had cider to cell - told him we had - Mr L. came himself & rec'd 1 bbl - paid in full \$1.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ - rode in 1 h wagg. drawn by his fine chestnut col'd mare - had his son Martin with him. Father & Geo P. girdled app. trees in C's orch'd after leaving the field. I commenced reading E.K. Avery Trial - Mother much out of health - sent for Doct N. Swift in the morn'g, but for some cause to us unknown did not obey the call. Cheese of June 1st., weighed 92 lbs.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4 Very fine after a cldy morn'g - temperate. Hunted for colts in Brown's enclosures, could not find them Planted patch E. of the big house with ~~plaster~~ potatoes, plastered in the bargain. G. & Hopkins sold cider & other stuff, say pies & cakes enough to am't to \$3.67". G. obtained leave to be off Military duty. The companies of Bennington were out in full military array - heard much drumming & a few discharges of cannon & small arms. Sylvanus W. Dan's came down astride his mare, tarried the night. Ira B. Dewey called on us late in the day. We rec'd on contract with W. Haswell Esq 5 bunches shingle pr son-in-law of Mr Lilly, shingle maker. The largest cheese made the present season was put in press, occupied our dairy lady until past noon assisted too by me, in getting it ready. Mother sent for & rec'd the aid of Dr H. Swift, who having got through prescribing took a view of the water trough, wheying stalls, dairy &c &c. Talked respecting the noted Avery - in his opinion he, Av., would be acquitted. Cous G. was taken ill in the eve'g - retired to rest past 9. Cheese, J. 2d 91 lbs. Mrs S. Harwood paid visit to Mrs Sibley - first time - several other ladies were there from W. p't of the town. Mrs Harris performed washing for us

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 Cold m'g, temperate remainder of the day - hazy - rain looked for. That load of lime drawn by Elihu Wright on Saturday, having remained ever since in his wagg. was this morning removed into ours. Getty & Wright carried off 2 carcasses of young calves. Hoeing was contin'd assisted by Benj Fay. Sylvanus W. Daniels this m'g hampered his colt & again turned him with ours into the woods pasture & repaired fence some - said he would, on some other day, do more at that. J.N. Hinsdill accomp'd by S.H. Brown came here & took distances & dimensions of buildings preparatory to giving Insurance in due form - he being agent to the "Mutual". Those gent's saw the dairy & by request were served with a sample of potted cheese, which they appeared to relish well. It was P.M. and their tarry was brief. Rec'd letters from Josiah Stone & J.A. Wight. The former dated Litchfield May 27 in reply to ours pr S.H. Brown - making known the situation of their children, health being good &c. Mr S's father had lately broken a leg, at Fishkill, N.Y.

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The letter contained a piece of drollery at the beginning - went on to compare himself to a man in a mine, where although he may have remained but an hour, yet he is so effectually secluded from the light of day, that a peep out seems almost as joyous as though he had spent a year there. Had commenced with Homer pretty fair and was likely to accomplish in 3 weeks or less, what he had supposed it almost impossible to do in six. Found old Horace pretty fair - But Algebra he hated. Had removed to an upper apart't in Coll., where he "could look down upon em" Had purchased "Course of Time" & "Lallah Rookh" which had drawn hard up on his funds - requested two or three dollars to be forwarded accord'g to the encouragement I had given him - Mentioned having it go tow'd his future haying bill - Most of the remainder of his letter is taken up in observations on exercise & sleep, as to the last he was not troubled with it. Had not seen cousin Marg't nor anybody else, scarcely. Saw Mary Ann Mather one day wading through the grass and she said "'Twas Pleas't". Presented compliments to the folks.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6 Hazy, tolerably warm - First hoeing finished, some work done in the garden. Benj Fay performed another day's work at hoeing. Benj R. Sears began framing barn here - having with him Norman Daniels only. Aft. noon rode off with wife. Bo't 1 qr faint lined paper of F. Blackmer - booked - 25". Saw men working on the road not far below the height of C. House Hill - Against the S. part of the Old Leonard Robinson farm saw & conversed with E. Montague who having stated that his farming business was much in arrears engaged strongly to come on and build barn pound for us Monday Morning next - Next paid respects to S.W. Daniels at W.(D) Haswell's, hoeing in a numerous company - informed him we should not wish to employ him on Friday - as Montague was not coming on - Proceeded onward after complimenting Henry Fassett who also came in his wagg. on business there, to a place where found Dr S. Robinson & hands hoeing - Cousin Nathan came to us and agreed to buy and transport grindstone from Troy for me - afterward got him to purchase nails at Hedges', Lansingburgh, for which purpose borrowed at Sanf'd & B's \$15 to be p'd on short notice. Previous to this last transaction, leaving Mrs H. at uncle S's drove to S.D. Walbridge's and partly bargained for a young bull 2 yrs old in Sept. next - armed with too large a pair of horns - at \$11 - to be paid when it would best accommodate me - Saw Uncle Steb. who complained of rheumatic pains in some of his joints. Arrived here about sunset - forwarded bill of nails to cous. N.L. Robinson & ten dollars in money - to be laid out at Hedge's. Cheese of 4th inst. weighed 103 lbs.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7 Cloudy - warm until noon - after which wind blew up chilly - Father carried 2 bbls wheat to mill - went to S. Harwood's - no cheese hoops - returned home before night. Besides some other concerns the half inch hemlock boards intended for lining to the sides & ends of the new barn were put up to season. B.R. Sears, O. Hollister & N. Daniels again worked on frame - as did Sam'l L. Fay for Hiram Waters.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 Cold - cold indeed - much chilly wind playing ab't. B.R.Sears & Norman Daniels worked on barn frame on the 6th. Next day B.R.Sears, N.Daniels & O. Hollister and this day him self & some hands were so employed. And Sam'l L.Fay on Friday & this day for Hiram Waters worked on said feame. W.S.Southworth gave us a call on Friday. Morter was made & stone got on the ground ready for ma sons. B.R.Sears assisted at slaking lime which required no small quan- tity of water. Hiram Waters paid borrowed money for me to Sanf'd & Brown, being the same sum he borrowed of me on the 22d of April last. Cous. N.L.Robinson arrived from Troy before sundown with 80 lbs Hedges 10d nails & 45 do 3d - very fine - which cost together \$10.39 - also grindstone weighing 190 lbs for \$4. he likewise let us have 1 bbl Troy flour for \$6.25 - price being at T. \$5.75 - had peck of sea-sand at 12½ - Cheese made on the 5th weighed 99 lbs - 6th - 100 lbs - 7th 96 do 8th 104 do. On the 7th begzn writing letter to our fr'd Wight of Wil- lianstown - could write but few lines at a time - business so took my time & attention. Finished it near the close of Sunday - sealed her up containing \$5. bznknote on Benning'n Bank - which I wrote him should ap- ply on the haying bill. Stuffed it with every sort of intelligence, relating to our domestic affairs, I could think of. Forwarded her to A. S.Hyde pr N.L.Robinson.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 Most exceedingly, unusually & unpropitiously cold Dreadful blowing of cutting N.W.wind - Frost in many places of course was the result. Gave assistance in making anoth- er large cheese - Gep P. & Adeline were at Church - Late in the day cous N.L.Robinson came down & had business between himself & me proper- ly adjusted - but I am so arrears as to writing - that I cant be minute On Saturday sent Hopkins to Walbridge's with a line signofying I would take his young bull on Sat'y 15th at \$11. Mrs Harwood made cheese in the kitchen on acc't of cold. S.W.Daniels came up early or during the forep't of the day & repaired fence in the woods to keep colts from tr- troubling neighbors.

MONDAY, JUNE 19 Cold morning & frosty in many places. B.R.Sears with same hands as on Saturday continued framing - except sending N.Daniels to Woodford City for load of barn posts with Brown's horses and wagg. - made a safe return with 8 posts by about ½ past 4 P.M. when it began to rain. E.Montague came on with 3 good ma- sons and a boy not much skilled in the mysteries of the craft - say he was an anti-mason - laid out the ground and erected a numbdr of feet good & sunstantial wall for foundation of new barn. Rained 4 P.M. so that they left the ground & did no more this day. We had plenty of bus- iness in supplying those masons with morter & stone - Geo mixed morter Brown, Getty &c worked on the road N.B's house - cleared it of some vil- vile big stones - Sald to J.F.Billing pr boy ½ bbl cider, rec'd paym't in full - 81½ cents - Names of Masons were Merrill, B.Day, E.Montague & Brown. Ought to date M. June 10

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On Sunday forgot to mention being visited by H. Waters & lady, having with them their little girl. H.W. paid 50 cts in full of interest on hired money

TUESDAY, JUNE 11 Contin'd remarkably cold & unpleas't - rained all milking time in the morning. High wind from N.W. al most as chilly as Oct. - everybody not in some laborious employ'm't was glad to draw up to a good fire - corn presented a yellow sickly countenance - all was struck with the strange absence of heat now in operation. Rained again at night. As usual spent much time assisting at making cheese. That made on the 9th made 102 lbs. B.R. Sears contin'd with the same hands working on frame. N. Daniels was sent off again P.M. for the remainder of the posts, which he arrived with by sunset - had same team as on Mond. E. Montague came with the lad mentioned on the 10th and performed afternoon's work on barn foundation. During P.M. rode abroad with my lady - bo't of 7us B. & Co 10 G's molasses at 42 cents, 15 yds cotton cloth at , 1 pair glass lamps 50" and Psalm Book 20" - At F. Blackmer's six pieces paper hanging were purchased on cr $\frac{3}{4}$ \$3.19". S.S. Scott waited upon us - Frank gone to Troy. Came home in season to assist at milking - When at E. Village saw T. Hills respecting money which could not pay ere he sh^dld go to the River - which he intended to do before the end of the week - Since I had seen him last, had been disappointed about going thither. Rec'd in full of Alonzo Hinsdill pr his brother for 36 G's cider, \$1.83" In presence of B.R. Sears & O. Hollister turned over a few of our largest cheeses aft. dark. The employ'm't of father & Geo P. was either on frame or waiting on masons.

WED'Y JUNE 12 (10) Cold morning - there were occasional cold blasts of N. wind nearly all day - but P.M. the weather became altogether more mild than it had been for a few days past - I have dated wrong - should be 12th. B.R. Sears, N. Daniels, O. Hollister & Saml L. Fay worked on frame. E. Montague & B. Day $\frac{3}{4}$ day on foundation - young Brown on same all day. Day left 4 P.M. or not far from that time to go to W. Haswell on an engagem't in his line. Foundation so far completed as to admit of placing thereon the sills - at which all hands assisted, besides, as luck would have it, neighbor Levi Jewett lent a helping hand, being here accidentally. Father & Geo were fully employed in furnishing stone & mortar - the latter was constituted largely of sand - which to the line was to . I had trouble for want of larger cheese hoops - curd less scalded this day as well as on the 11th than heretofore. Cheese of 10th weighed 101 lbs. Miss Delia Loomis came to procure school money which had quietly remained in my care ever since the 8th of April - \$12 was paid over in full to her for her father - S. Loomis - being all that was appropriated to aid in keeping up the Summer School. Ol Hollister held candle or if he did not do that was present at turning the large cheeses in the eve'g. Montague said he must have another bbl of cider of us at any rate. I tried to

gst off by saying what I tho't was true, that we could spare no more, being now reduced to the last hhd - but there was no backing out. Told him if anyone wanted cider subsequent to this date the price they (he) must pay would be \$2. Said he did not care if it were \$5 pr bbl, the cider he would have.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 Much warmer than of late - hazy - smart S. wind - light'd eve'g. Framing going on by Sears & same hands mentioned on the 12th. Masonry on Barn Foundation completed by Day ab't 4 P.M. - remainder of day he spent according to direction of E Montague in pointing wall of shed foundation built in June 1829 & never finished, but for which he had rec'd full pay. Same hands again on frame. Geo P. ploughed ground for B. Sears & H. Waters - intended to be occupied with potatoes, on the little farm of J.C. Andrews.. Benj R.S. & O. Hollister went home at night - Cheese made on the 11th weighed lbs 108. On account of some doubts respecting the quantity of molasses put up at J. B. & Co's which was done by E.D. Waters in my presence, but to which I was rather insttentive, at the same time not all suspicious of bad intention - weighed said cask and found am't, rope halter inclusive, to be 127 lbs - measured out 1 gallon of the contents & ascertained it to weigh about 11½ lbs.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14 Cldy - some wind from N.W. - mainly warm - growing season - Benj & hands proceeded as usual excepting N. Daniels going away 4 P.M. to assist Geo in collecting potatoes to plant. Up to that time of day the latter had been ploughing Andrews's land for Sears & Waters. A part of my employment P.M. was with mare & plow furnished furrowing s'd ground. Hopkins on his return from Acad. rode for me to finish the same. Sibley boy was in co. with Hopkins. It came in the paers officially that E.K. Avery was acquitted on the 2d of (May) June - Jury out 16 hours - bro't in verdict (late) Sunday noon P.M. The case of Clough was now being tried, or he had just rec'd his trial - Jury returned verdict of "Guilty" and very justly too - It was a most cold blooded deed - shocking to humanity - Cheese - 12th - 99 lbs. E. Montague pr Peabody boy rec'd barrel cider - charged in a/c \$2 Mat's Cobb ~~yo~~ made very short call here this evening on his way to Pownal.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15 Over night had rained some - flying clds from N.W. whence there were some strong puffs - air quite warm. Benjamin had only Hollister & Fay with him this day on frame - N. Daniels being off planting potatoes on the Andrews place - Father & Geo. were of thzt party. I conveyed dinner to them. Mr Holden, soldier formerly in 4th Inf'y U.S. Army, was also in employment of Sears & H. Waters in the afores'd business. Related some questionable facts respecting Col Purdy - Father & Geo came home about 4 P.M. Some ploughing & other teaming was performed by G.P. this day for Waters & Sears. Former part of the day attended to dairying - P.M. accomp'd by Hopkins & Warren Sibley walked by way of Henderson woods and over the pastures of S.D. Walbridge, where saw old Mr Ruttenbur behind 2 yoke of oxen ploughing sward land with side hill plow - team managed by a young man I did not know. There was another hand in the same lot breaking up with 3 horse team. Informed them
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of our business. Found the bull which I had bargained for a few days since & with very little trouble had him driven home and confined in stable - liked him very well, as he appeared in good condition, well built & smart, answering well the end for which we wanted him. Met this side the old Field place Saff'd Robinson of whom enquired engaged 2 pieces scantling for barn rafters. Saw at Mr Coffins', residing in the Church house, built by Joseph & Stephen House nearly 50 years since, Capt E. Waters & lady direct from Stockbridge & Barrington - whence they bro't goodly report respecting their parents and other relatives in that section - Left all well in Troy - Our friend T.C. Parsons came up from Algiers - st'd evening & night with us. Had lately been to Albany where he chanced to meet with a person engaged in one of the Canal Line of Packets running on the Erie Canal who appeared to know something of G. Smedley & lady - Gave in writing his place of residence Hastings Central Square, Otsego Co., N.Y. - In driving said animal - came up Henderson Hill - preferring it to the other way. Adeline rec'd the company of the Misses Salina Sherwood, Amanda Robinson & Montgomery

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 Temperately warm - some high wind and rain from near noon - pleas't P.M. George, Lydia & Adeline were at church all day - father P.M. only. They had no preaching - Mr Hooker being gone some distance to wait upon his lady home. Aside of my usual task of writing attended to little else than the Trial of E.K. Avery. Should pronounce S.M. Cornell to have been what we call a real ----- no matter what. Nobody saw Mr A. touch her on the evening of Dec 20 - so that if he actually murdered the girl - no certain proof could be produced to show it - And as to what she said relative to his behavior on the Camp ground, it might have been altogether false. But Clough was a most heinous, outrageous, bloody murderer - and O how wretched must forever be Mrs Longstreth the good mother of Mrs Hamilton Let any parent bring home the case to himself & it would awaken every feeling of the sympathetic kind of which the human heart is susceptible Was up late reading the trial of Avery.

MONDAY, JUNE 17 Small rain over night - Broken flying clds and cool air with occasional northern gusts made up the principal features of the weather. A lot of spruce poles which were procured in the Gr Mountain Dec. & Jan. 1830 and a part of the time preserved under cover - were this morning hauled out for use as material in building barn - and the carpenters spent the day mostly in preparing them for use as joists, girts &c. Benjamin R. Sears, S.L. Fay & O. Hollister served all day - N. Daniels aft. noon only. With wife rode in wagg. to E. Village - made settlement with Turner Hills in full, having conveyed to him the last of thirty young calf skins or say 29 of that description & one veal skin and rec'd check on Bank for \$26.90. Left Mrs H. at J. Rogers' while gone to John Harwood's to get old shoes mended, of which a parcel was left to his mercy - besides engaging him to make a new pair for

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Hopkins, providing I should forward materials. Returned to J. Rogers', looked at their young child which as it would happen proved to be a son born 12th of May last. My fr'd Jonathan said it had been an object of great curiosity to a gret number of persons who had made specials calls to see it. Saw in front of Sanford & B's E.V. Tinshop, Capt O. Abell, B Squires, & G.R. Sanford. Of Buckley's eldest son John bo't a fine calf skin for \$2.25 - money down. Previous to which saw Hiram Blackmer to whom paid road-tax \$4.77" against B. Harwood & Son - Got home to supper Father was unwell - in my absence ~~sustained~~ entertained a colored musician who could play well the Ger. Flute. B.T. Sears assisted us at milking this evening.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18 Very fine, pleas't indeed. Seventy two years this day since Peter Harwood arrived with his wife & eldest son Clark in Bennington & pitched his tent within a few rods of the spot occupied by the dwelling in which we now reside. This piece of family history has been noticed by me some 2 or 3 years since under the same date - can be found by examining J'l. Vermont Gazette came out in its new enlarged form under this date, with remarks relative to its origin by its Editor - More than 50 years since Anthony Haswell commenced that paper in this town - Except giving attention to visitors and dairy concerns, waiting upon our carpenters, chiefly employed us. B.R. Sears continued framing with same hands, including S.L. Fay. N. Daniels & O. Hollister assisted at milking cows at night - former left in the evening with intent of the next day riding with lady or ladies as a party of pleasure. We entertained, as very welcome guests, capt E. Waters & lady with Mrs Coffin & little daughter. Perused good letter from our uncle Eph Taylor & daughter - in usual good health - Had some months past suffered much from sickness - Neighbors were remarkably kind - wondered why we did'nt write etc. After dinner our friends were off to visit with the lady of H. Waters, accomp'd by all our ladies excepting Mother. The capt & lady saw & liked our dairy - talked of sending a buyer from Troy. The new Banking Co., had for a considerable sum of money bo't out the capt. where he was at pres't located for the purpose of erecting a Banking House - to leave within three weeks from date of sale - Purposed setting up boarding house. Capt J. Hicks called & left another Tract for us. I perused a part of Avery's Trial - testimony on the part of the Defence - from which it would appear that the character of S.M. Cornell was bad, which considerably did away the feeling I at first entertained respecting the prisoner - still must think him the author of the deed without intent to kill. We in the morning hauled out a brave parcel of spruce poles which had been kept under cover. But I find this mentioned under date of 17th. Late P.M. Adeline & Hopkins rode to Algiers to see about shoes. B.R. Sears at dusk exchanged a \$5 Bill B'k note with me for two 2's & a 1 on the same Bennington b'k in order to pay N. Daniels \$2 or \$3. Cheese of 16th., 99 lbs - Yard shed torn down.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 Really handsome and warm. Packing up season'd board & otherwise attending to the new barn made up our chief business. B.R. Sears, S.L. Fay and Oliver Hollister were again on the ground. N. Dan's gone to wait upon ladies - abs't all day

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This morn'g - 19th - Henry Fassett rode down with his daughter Eunice - making a short call - Shewed him dairy, watering establishm't & barn designs - all which he duly praised. Towards the conclusion of the day our much respected friend W. Haswell made another call accomp'd by Miss Stacy principal of the Central Dist. School during the pres't summer - and while she was engaged with our young Adeline - Mr H. unsolicited - generously milked 4 cows - which excepting one, were not our best, yet did he appear to think pretty highly of them. Something was said about the Seminary - establishm't not liked notwithstanding the signs of present prosperity. H. Waters being now snugly employed in erecting an addition of 36 ft to the N. end of the Boarding House. Geo & S. L. Fay perused papers in the eve'g. Benj & Oliver went home at night. I played flute & wrote a few lines. Mistake stating that H & A rode to Alg's aft. noon of 18th - it was this day. Mother took m'g ride on h-back. Cheese 17th., 99 lbs.

THURSDAY, JUNE (20) Rainy m'g & eve'g and some so during other hours of the day. Benjamin & all hands heretofore employed, assisted by Geo P. & father zealously labored in various ways to prepare for raising barn on the 21st. Great quantity of pins were made from black oak of suitable size. Our old acquaintance, Mr Cobb of Shaftsbury, made call - Mar 2 - Geo P. was sent up street to invite raisers & procure pike poles, while I for a similar reason, excepting pike poles, went E. to the Eph Smith place & S. to Jewett's - saw Mrs J. & her dairy the latter very fair & in good order - Saw nothing bad in the former - Miss Eunice appeared quite intent on business - superintending the transplantation of young cabbage by J. Searls - her business was going to be so driving as to prevent his attendance at raising - Besides she was getting a fine job of walling out of Risley. If so I told her she was very excusable - passed on to Loomis' where saw & spoke with the old gent. Sam's wife, the young hired man & Chas Downs in the garden. Next called at Maj L. Nort's & conversed sometime with the Judge who assisted by a boy was setting kiln of brown ware. Shewed me a late letter in an elegant queer hand, short, in business style - not of his own composition or signing, from his cous. Norman Judd, Rome, N.Y. merley stating that \$5 in letter had been received from our maj. for which 3 bbls sand were forw'd. Requested a visit, sent compliments to friends. Previous to visit here saw Deac. Fay, boys & J. Duncan to whom gave invitation to raise. Benj Fay had been to our house early in the day on his colt - say 10 A.M. to whom paid in full for 2 days work hoeing \$1.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 Quite warm, lowery, many little showers, had rained much during night. Every nerve was strained by Bos Sears & hands, who were all pres't, assisted by B. & G. Harwood in getting ready to raise, & there was but one unpleas't circumstance that occurred to mar the pleasures of the day. The 2d principal post from the S.W. corner, first bent, after the pins were driven home, was discovered to be wrong end foremost - but it was soon taken out and fairly returned to its right position, and by the hour appointed everything was fully ready for action - 1 o'clock P.M. precisely. By ab't 2 hands enough appeared to commence in earnest, & at 5 the building with the exception of scaffold joints was completely & without a single blunder put together. Pronounced by

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by competent judges to be a first rate frame - every joint being snug & all the timbers distributed in fair architectural proportion. Cider and cider blackstrap was the only liquor made use of, with which no fault was found in my hearing - At some more leisure (day) time will endeavor to insert a list of the persons pres't at this raising. Barn 40 ft long 36 wide - side posts 15 ft high - end do 14 - 19 pairs rafters - 22 ft long. Purloin posts 7 ft long - 40 ft plates connected by 4 beams, all properly braced. In truth the pieces were enumerated this evening throughout the frame, not counting 4 rafters which are composed of 2 pieces - and the full am't was 260 - See Bill - prepared last Dec. or in Jan'y. Our spruce poles were nearly all worked up. Cheese made this day took, by accident, a high scald - that made on the 19th weighed 100 lbs. Carpenters very kindly assisted at milking at night

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 Very handsome aft the morn'g fog disappeared - warm too. Benjamin and all hands present - Saffold joints inserted, pins driven in & sawed off - old horse barn removed from where left on the 25th May to the S.W. corner of the old Peter Harwood barn - the N. side of the former being placed a little past the range of the S. side of the latter. Norm. Daniels boarded up s'd N. side while Benj. assisted S.L.Fay & O.Hollister in lining & boarding nearly half the W. end of the new barn, P.M. A great quantity of hemlock boards was exposed to the heat of the sun, besides which many poles & pieces of timber scattered over the yards were collected together & properly disposed of by father & Geo P. Cheese of 20th weighed 94 lbs Heard mention made on Friday of the death of John Morse, a person of large size - great features & bones & formerly I believe very stout. Resided in Shaftsbury. Hopkins, Reub Kent and some other such boys were about during the raising and a part of the time amused themselves catching trout by basket in the brooks of the S. meadow.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23 Really warm - more so than at any time the pres't season - some few clds - very faint - seemingly a want of circulation of atmospheric air. Cares & performances growing out of the dairying business kept me from my books until past noon - after which made entries as usual in this vol. Aunt Sarah Robinson came down and tarried here over night. Considerably engaged in Family Records. Father, G.P., Hopkins, Lydia and Adeline were attendants at public worship in the old Cong. Meeting House - No preaching - Sermon read by Deacon Hinsdill.

MONDAY, JUNE 24 S.E.Wd - clds rising from the E. Rained on E.M's sometime before night - & came on agzin in the ev'g Lumber was selected for joiners, attend'd dairying &c. Hoeing mainly occupied out attention. Hopkins rode horse for us. B.R.Sears, S.L.Fay O.Hollister and N.Daniels were again here - Erected staging on S. side new barn - both ends boarded up or nearly so - now nearly or quite ready for shingling. Three o'clock P.M. arrived in good health our esteemed friend J.A.Wight from Billstown. Cheese made 22^d weighed 100 lbs stuck cold, leaky. I.B.Dewey came to see us on Sunday eve. had left Sage's & gone to Pearces' to work. Brown had use of oxen on road

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TUESDAY, JUNE 25 Rained heavily during most of the day. Benjamin (with) and hands as enumerated on the 24th were chiefly employed on doors. Hopkins was sent with provender to grist mill - Geo Accomp'd him up street to get clothes made and to get barn door hangings made by Chandler. Friend Wight very steadily and apparently with great pleasure perused Smellis' Natural Hist. I had some little time to look at papers - saw some pretty interesting articles from abroad - looked over some parts of testimony in Avery's Trial & of that of Cloughs'. The history of the last I wish I could never have known, for my mind has been almost constantly haunted with it ever since seeing the fiendish transaction in print. A been to strengthen cheese press was in part got ready for operation. S.W. Daniels came down to look at his colt - could find nothing of that or of ours - He proposed swapping his black 4 years old mare, sold to him & his brother in 1831, for our mare & colt. We agreed to think of it a few days. Cheese made 23rd weighed 98 lbs.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 There were gusts of very searching S.W. wind & the evening air was cold as Oct. Excepting the presence of some rugged clds, would it was fair. B. Sears & hands, S.L. Fay inclusive, all present - boarded & shingled in fine style the S. part of the new barn roof by sunset - knocked off every bracket save two & demolished staging erected on Monday. Geo late in the morning visited with team W. Haswell's where rec'd tow'd contract 2 thous'd Lilly's shingles & borrowed a good barn ladder. P.M. having assisted while at shingling drove to E. Bennington where were received in full of contract 5 thous'd Lilly's shingles. William himself being there in person - making due him 1st of Jan 1834 \$30. Hoeing was attended to by father & self P.M. Hopkins rode horse for plowing - performed his part well at hoeing too. Cheese of 24th 94 lbs.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27 Cold rainy morning, and it remained unusually cold all day, particularly so in the evening. The state of the weather appeared to be against the calculation of our joiners - but when the rain was over they, assisted by Geo P. & our fr'd Wight, roofed the N. side of the barn before dark, leaving only the weather boards to be put on another day - of course staging & brackets not removed. Not quite 15 thous'd shingles, good ones too, were used on s'd roof & Hedges' 3d nails just about held out to finish it. Father and self when unemployed at cheese, handled & hauled lumber for use of workmen. B.R. Sears & same hands present. Rec'd friendly visit from Capt Lem. Sherwood, Hoosick, N.Y. - saw, and as matter of course, spoke well & no doubt sincerely of our dairy - the largest cheese's he had ever seen. Had business in E. Village that occasioned his calling at this time - Sheared 300 h'd sheep - sold his wool to an Eastern gent. at 55" pr lb - should go to Troy with it on the morrow - would amount to some thing near \$400. Ch. 25th weighed 98 lb.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28 Fair, very cold morning - chilling gusts were frequent from the N. almost to the end of the day. Hoeing the upper cornfield being finished - the potato ground W.p't S. meadow was entered upon - but aft. some progress had been made

been therein it was concluded to postpone hoeing until more plowing should be done among them - to run the plow through both ways - twice between every two rows. B.R.Sears & hands contin'd busy on barn. Himself & N.Daniels chiefly building doors - S.L.Fay & Hollister being ~~Y~~ lining & boarding S. side. Made use of great many narrow spruce boards. Our ladies were honored with the company of Miss Angeline Selden, Mrs M.A.Sears & young child, Miss Emily S. Robinson & y'g adop'd child. They appeared surprised on seeing the quantity of curd which we were working over ready for the press. Tow'd evening Mrs Susan Dewey called, supped & viewed dairy - Made some excuses for her daughter, Mrs Palmer, not calling to see us - see May 19. Joseph Niles Jun., White Creek, N.Y., being with drove of upw'd 200 h'd cattle, bound to Dutchess County, N.Y. requested to know if we would sell our oxen? Answered in the negative. Viewed dairy, lit his pipe, mounted his steed and rode away. Mr Wight assisted A.M. at hoeing - Aft. noon went to mill - returned with grist provender & his travelling trunk. Ch. 26th weighed 102 lbs.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 Very fine - mud dried up. Hoeing potatoes nearly accomplished. Ground ploughed as designed on the 28th. Mr Wight assisted until noon. Ben R.Sears & hands came near completing the outside work on barn, doors inclusive. Worked us up pretty closely for stuff - had to tear down shantees & henroosts to obtain even ordinary hemlock boards for finishing the W. end where it was not going to be exposed much to the weather. The barn certainly made an imposing appearance - and we hope its convenience may correspond with the trouble & expense of building. Double boarded all round - doors made from boards free from splits, though not, by any means, of knots. Doct. Wm Bigelow called here this P.M. with a paper drawn for giving liberty to a certain Committee therein named to alter the construction of the Cong. Meeting House overhead to enable the ministers to speak with more ease - more especially Mr Ed W. Hooker - who, if it were not done, must quit the place, as it strained his lungs so violently to speak in the house in its present form that in his opinion it must wear him out. I informed the Doct. that I was not a proprietor - if I were should not sign that paper for more reasons than I can stop here to enumerate - thought it unfair to circulate such paper among the proprietors - that in my opinion the proper method was to call a regular meeting of s'd proprietors before whom s'd proposition ought to be laid. We felt too poor to assist in this business - and if they, the party for alteration, could get subscribers enough to warrant them in going forward with it - should raise no opposition. He remarked on our extravagance in building such a barn - supposed from my habit of staying at home so much on the Sabbath, that I cared very little for preaching & that my motto of course was "Eat, drink & be merry", calculating on many days yet to come. I replied that as to a long life, there was vast uncertainty in the case - and it was not my way to indulge in such revery - Property like the barn

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if I should not live to enjoy its use, might be serviceable to some one, if not to my heirs. Having said a good deal in little time, not omitting that if the house was not altered, Mr Hooker would leave us, he departed in peace. Cheese 27th w'd 102. Adeline accomp'd her aunt Damia to Deac. Hinsdill's, on business at the store - pr the latter only. Hopkins got a pair of calfskin pumps at Turner Hills' - called at the B'k & had check of 17th cashed. Did n't pay for shoes.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30 Fair & quite hot - Besides attending to all the daily rounds incident to a dairyman's life, had time to read a little in papers & books & enter record of some unimportant events which had recently occurred on this old farm. Father & Mother rode in waggon up to Mrs Duncan's, found her son Henry gaining health slowly. Mrs D. had heard late news from her daughter Amanda and sisters Lucy & Annis - who were all in good health & doing well. Mr Wight, Geo P., Adeline & Hopkins were attendants at the House of Pub. Worship. Some of our heaviest cheeses were now very troublesome, were too slack scalded. Neighbor Sibley bro't up papers from Maj. L. Norton's in the eve'g - informed us that the colts of S.W. Daniels & B. Harwood were in his pasture, must get them away.

MONDAY, JULY 1 Hottest day experienced the present season - tow'd eve'g clds arose at the N.W. - thundered - after dark lightened sharply - N. & N.W.E. An eclipse of the moon between the hours of 7 & 9 in the eve'g was observed - not total. Hoeing corn & potatoes accomplished for the present - Mr Wight assisted & besides shot 3 red squirrels. Late P.M. went to the house of Sam Rockwood to enquire respecting oil meal - Did not see him - left \$10 with his lady which would entitle us, including what we had had, to 50 bbls. She presumed we might receive it at the mill on Tuesday next, if not would send word. Arrived in season to assist in milking cows. Benj R.S. & same set of hands resumed their labors on the barn - laying big floor and flooring scaffold over N. stable - mounted new grindstone on the old crank in new frame. Benj went away P.M. on his own business. Cheese made June 29th weighed 98 lbs.

TUESDAY, JULY 2 Severely hot until 4 P.M. S. wind gathered us a fine shower - thund'd & lightened - no small quantity of water descended from the clds during its continuance. Benj & hands contin'd with us - Big floor nearly completed. Norman D's accomplished flooring N. scaffold & partly the S. one. Four sleepers of butternut were procured by B. Sears assisted by B. Harwood, G.P. Harwood & J. A. Wight, for support of stable floors. I was sent to Brown's to borrow axes in the morning - S.H. was viewing Getty while loading rails back of the barn yard - had hands employed at mowing clover far up W. - Procured an axe at B's & at Sibley's. Was much plagued with soft leaky cheeses. Bbl flour devoured since June 8. Mr Wight got very wet before he reached home from the woods - Geo P. too shared with him, but in less degree.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 Cloudy, rained much from late in the morning to 2 P.M. - roads muddy of course - Father & Geo were with B.R.S. & hands at laying stable floor and otherwise fitting up stables for future use. Friend Wight stuck by his books - had something to offer by way of prophecy respecting the projected ride on the 4th by young Burton, Alb't Robinson, Foote &c. Conveyed $4\frac{1}{2}$ bbls wheat to Doolittle's mill - Adeline rode with me - traded on cr. to small am't at Aus. B. & Co's - agreed for pr of shoes for her at the shop of Turner Hills - saw T.C. Parsons who said he had lately been to Hoosick Falls where he spent 3 or 4 days. Paid said Hills 75 cts for Hopkins pumps. Conveyed Adeline to J. Rogers' where she visited while I was gone to mill - on calling for her ate bread & butter and conversed with Mrs R. aft. which returned directly home - some rainy in the bargain. S.W. Daniels sp't a part of the day with us in consequence of looking up, poking colts & putting them in their right pasture. Saw in E. Bennington great signs of Independence. Much tormented at this time with damp sweaty cheeses.

THURSDAY, JULY 4 Handsome and temperate - sky chequered with flying clds, gentle breeze from W. & N.W. Benj. & Samuel continued working on inside barn - Norman & Oliver off keeping Independence. The Celebration was got up in E. Village - S. Weeks' - toasts, ringing bells, firing guns, fiddling & dancing all duly attended to. Mr Bond, Universalist, Orator of the Day - In all these doings took no part. After turning cheese in dairy, started with 3 cheeses made in Apl for the place of rendezvous - left one of 20 lbs w't at T. Hills' on cr at 7" - the 2d of $20\frac{1}{2}$ lbs at H. Norton's, same price on a/c - Saw some Bar room dancing at capt. Hills to musick of flute & violin by French & Goodrich - the latter really appeared old - tho' as to his performance on the flute couldn't see that he failed in the least - esteemed it a great perversion of musical talent so see men so accomplished in that respect - thus engaged. The Liberty Pole planted at the intersection of roads was a fine one - 102 ft high. Left direction with H. Norton to make latches, catches, hooks & staples for barn & stable doors. Saw at S. Weeks' piazza Stebbins Walbridge, S.H. Brown & another person whose name I have forgotten. At F. Blackmer's bo't ball of cott. wick'g booked 13". Staid awhile to hear S. Scott Sen & capt. Hyde offer their opinion on animal attachment to men, particularly so of horses - and of slaves to masters and hired people to their employers - Considered their ideas as theoretical - especially in regard to the last - interest being in my opinion the great bond of union among men - Take from a person the prospect of future gain and you throw a most powerful damper upon his attachm't. Reached home in due season. Ought to mention over taking S.W. Daniels near near And's who had been to Berlin to get his Moon cause put over to September. A most unjust affair on the part of Moon & his associates - Lent him \$3 in money to be paid within a week or ten days. Uel Hicks drove up at 9 o'clock in stage coach to set free Miss Adeline who with her young friends had ridden by Batt. Gr'd to H.F.'s

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where they dined - came home past 4 Corners & Old Kenion place, pver the last very bad riding. F. & S. rather silly & noisy.

FRIDAY, JULY 5 Fine - some said it was cold, there being fresh breeze from N.W. Sears & other 3 hands all on again joining barns together, shingling old horse barn, making partitions and manger to horse stable, hanging doors, fastening on door trimmings &c &c constituted the chief business. Geo P. assisted at shingling h barn with N.Dan's. O.Hollister bossed the barn connexion. Lumber was removed from back side shed to the barns. Basswood 2 inch planks were placed over the new barn floor, W. section. I went to E.Vill. shop of H. Norton - rec'd door trimmings to am't of \$2.50. Benj seemed well pleased with my hasp latches to stall doors. Mr Wight rode to Hoosick Falls where he saw S.Parsons where he saw S.Parsons & people including our friend Ruth - dined there - paid Miss Ellen M. visit at Tremont Factory Bro't news of the death of Andrew Parsons on Long Island - cousin Andrew forwarded the intelligence.

SATURDAY, JULY 6 Too cold for growth of corn in the morning - warm P M., rained slightly in the eve'g - now & then a cold gust from N. Benj & hands by strenuous exertion bro't their work as near to conclusion as want of time & material would permit. Roof between barns completed - scaffolding over gangway in old barn, as well as that over E.stable, hoisted, hay door in front of horse stable, made & mounted on hinges by S.Fay - window over big doors cased by Ol Hollister ready for sash - partition in ox & cow department N. of floor nearly finished by Geo & Norman. Benjamin took N. door of old horse stable and manufactured it into 2 on either side floor into W. end of stables - af fixed latch and sawed off bottom of that opening into old barn - executed a good many more doings than I know of, and last of all had central part of the front of shed raised and blocked up level, and made fast the beam under West cheese press by which s'd press was vastly increased in power. At the barn there remained siding up floor, fixing in window and some other points yet to (do) attend to. Mrs Patty Stone & daughter Rachel, Mrs Parjer, paid us a very acceptable visit - evening rode up to Mr Duncan's to tarry the night. Mr Wight performed something in hated Algebra & otherwise spent the day at some kind of literary research. Stanchions and bows as far as they would go were erected on the 4th in the new S. stable.

SUNDAY, JULY 7 Faint, warm & cldy. Assisted as usual at dairying Father kept at home on account of deafness. Mr Wight, Geo P., & Adeline went to meeting. Hopkins did not go because he had a bad bile on his neck. Among articles found in the papers, saw in N.Y.Spect. a very flattering description of the Morris Canal - Pap. dated June 20. Mrs Stone & daughter called as they were on their way from Duncan's home. Reckoned up 98 days labor performed here at carpentry and joining since May 25th

MONDAY, JULY 8 Hot indeed, faint, muggy, thind. shower arose later part P.M., say 4 or 5, lightened sharply & not infrequently - rained good deal. Clearing off rubbish made by carpenters, plowing & scraping ground E. of new barn, placing away such pieces of lumber as we tho't valuable, constituted main business. Mr Wight assisted - performed good days work - commencem't of haying term - had a part to act in putting together a sour cheese - at loss of 10 or 12 lbs. Cows now began to give less quantities of milk. Cheeses since July 1st weighed thus - 85, 83, 94, 91 up to the 5th Besides doing as above stated an ancient building, usually called "The Office" was removed from the spot it occupied near the N.E. corner of the new barn to a situation a few rods S. of the shed, under the boughs of one of the oldest & largest apple trees in the orchard - intended for hen-roost. See Jour'l for Oct. or Nov. 1816. Getty & Wight now sowing buckwheat.

TUESDAY, JULY 9 Rained so much as to pass for a rainy day, there was thunder in the bargain, but not very frequent. Many deeds of minor importance were performed by Geo & friend Wight, chiefly with the view of getting ready for haying - Grindstone rounded to a true circle, scythes ground & mounted on snaths, flooring laid through gangway - scaffolding over E. stable (Old Barn) renewed with refuse planks &c &c. Mr W. rehearsed in the course of the day many lines of noble poetry. Rain prevented him & Geo from keeping at their mowing in clover in the N. orchard.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 Temperate, gentle S. breeze, light flying clds. Geo & Wight resumed mowing clover, N. Orch'd, afterwards assisted in plowing & scraping ground in front of new barn to render it convenient to cart hay into & past the same. Besides in A.M. 28 bbls oil meal - completing contract with S. Rockwood, was bro't home by father - who was dissatisfied with their mode of measuring. A bag containing 3 bbls weighed lbs 124 - which according to our estimation would make an average of 41 lbs to the bhl - they say the rule for weighing is that it shall come up to 43 lbs. Ground in S. meadow where most of the timber composing new barn was framed, was cleared of blocks, hewings & the like. Mrs Harris rec'd 2 wagg. loads by the hand of Isaac Allen, such kind of property, during A.M. Same part of day that department of shed containing presses rec'd a sort of cleaning by me & the dairy was also duly attended to by H.H. & lady. As to Rockwood, see May 4th., 1833. Fence & gate near N.E. corner new barn - stood a pulling & hauling.

THURSDAY, JULY 11 Temperate A.M. S. wind drove up clds. Late P.M. there was a large thund. shower - thunder heavy. Geo & Fr'd Wight cut clover in the orch'd. Father & self were employed in gathering up & placing away securely various kinds of lumber. P.M. boys assisted in erecting gate and fence - N.E. corner of barn - Afterwards they were set to taking up clover - which not being sufficiently hayed, was condemned as bad policy by W't who kept saying it did not "Am't to much". Father hoed in garden. Mrs D. Waters & (lady) child were here on a visit - Hiram came to wait upon them home

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FRIDAY, JULY 12 Cool, cloudy, some heavy gusts of wind from N. or N.W
Hoeing corn the chief occupation. Mr Wight became altogether impatient in regard to the prosecution of business - lamented leaving college so soon. had lost 3 weeks time - wished he had bro't with him his Greek & Latin books. In the way in which business progressed - "Didn't amount to much" - On the 11th in a late N.Y. Spect. was much pleased reading an acc't of a gentleman's visit to ex-President Madison & lady, Orange Co., Va.

SATURDAY, JULY 13 Pretty severely warm, S.wd. cldy, thund. & light'd at night in the N. Completed hoeing for the season by little past noon - clover raked together, carted at 3 jags into old barn & thrown into the E. bay. Orr W. Daniels bro't with him wife & child on visit in 2 h. wagg. Late in the day conveyed Geo., J.A. Wight, self & Hopkins to a bathing place in Jewett's pasture this side the old mill site where all except H. took a solemn wash - boys wonderfully amused at seeing me go into the water with shirt on. Returned in fine season for supper & milking. Daily am't of cheese as taken from the press July 7 92, 8th 83, 9th 92, 10th say 88 or 92, 11th 89 lbs. Evening in reference to the suit pending between O.W. Daniels & R. Moon looked up many items entered in Jour'l 1830 - 31 concerning the latter, this eve'g.

SUNDAY, JULY 14 Hot beyond anything known in this part of the world the pres't season. Tow'd eve'g rigor of heat mitigated by great thund. shower which held on perhaps 2 hours. Geo., J.A. Wight, Lydia & Adeline were at church where the heat was said to be almost insupportable. Orr Daniels & lady contin'd visit until past noon when the latter paid her respects to Mrs Sibley, accomp'd by my lady & her husband to whose trust the child was committed. He afterwards returned & had me copy from my Jour'l of 1830-31 some facts touching the dealing he had with R. Moon & lady in those days. Enclosed the \$3 which he borrowed of me on the 4th in an order on Eldredge & Babcock, Troy, N.Y. for sack salt - would forward said order on the morrow - Departed after supper. Our friend T.C. Parsons paid short vis tow'd conclusion of the day, also did Sol Clark & Benj R. Sears - the last furnished his bill of joinery & carpentry of barn - N. Dan's 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ days \$16.31 - O Hollister 25 days, \$18.75 - B.R. Sears 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, \$26.50 - total \$61.56 - S.I. Fay 25 $\frac{3}{4}$ days \$19.13 for H. Waters. As I had no shaving to do, nor but little writing, agreeably enjoyed the day reading a great many fine articles in N.Y. Spect. Such as Randolphinia, letters respecting N. Orleans, others about warm and hot springs of Virginia - Great ledge of lime rock - said to be 1000 feet in height - Progress of the President &c.

MONDAY, JULY 15 Hay weather out of the question - major part of the day cldy and past 2 P.M. there was a furious dash of rain. Boys mowed clover on new ground N. end N. meadow. Having paid due attention to various domestic duties of

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of daily occurrence - started past 2 P.M. for Hinsdill & Swift's with wf in 1 h.wagg. A smart shower of rain caused us to halt awhile - the woman most of the time at F.W.Coffin's - self at H.Waters' - the former learned that capt E.Waters & family would probably soon commence keepin a publick house near Cohoes Falls - Mr Coffin had gone to see if he could procure a place $\frac{1}{2}$ at which to set his cabinet business. Had pleas't ride to H. & S's where, while my partner was engaged at trading examinied many good books they kept there for sale. Took bill of articles - comprising 14 panes 10 by 12 glass for barn over big doors, sugar, tea, raisins &c amounting to \$4.35 cts - glass at 10" per pane - sugar at 8" - tea at 50. Saw cousin Henry Robinson & Norman Daniels laying floor over new canal on W. bank of Paran Creek. Conversed a few moments with our cousin Barnum in regard to his working for us at hay-ing & harv'st - was satisfied he could not handsomeleave Deac. Hinsdill On our return made very short call at uncle Sam. Robinson's - uncle S. & cous. N.L. were hoeing good looking corn. Got papers at Gaz. Off. Halted at L.Patch. & Co's - At Sanf'd & Brown's - and last of all at F. Blackmer's where bo't lb tea 75", booked, lb saleratus - dont know how much. But too did call once more to leave 4 lb br sug, 2 balls wicking @ H.W's & reached home in season to assist at milking. At S& B's saw Jack Brook's, to whom, adter usual compliments, made known we were in want of good hands at haying - understood him to say if chance favored, would send us one. Would just remark that I was pretty decently wet in the little shower - Also that it was understood between myself & Ed H. Swift that the bill was not to paid, I mean bill of goods was not to be paid until sometime in Winter - And why not say - saw & spoke with our friend Norman Edgerton of Druggist memory in good health ? Where? Why at Hinsdill' & Swift's of whose establishment he was one of the most accomplished clerks.

TUESDAY, JULY 16 Cold to begin with - more or less cloudy - sunshine enough to enable us to get up 3 loads clover hay - rain came up late in the day - so as to take us at milking as was common the present season. The main haying operations were going on in that section of meadow mentioned on Monday. The strange quarrel between Hiram & Henry Warren now occupied the attention of some of the good people of this little neighborhood. The event took place on Saturday last - some blood was shed - but it ended in the defeat of the latter, who it was said began the fracas & was represented as most to blame. Intoxication was also thought to be almost solely the cause of this recountre - the particulars of which I am unable to state. Mrs Eliza, amiable lady of the aforesaid Henry W., on Thurs. the 11th inst. became mother of her first born - a fine daughter. See 12th May 1832. Alb't Robinson, Horace Clark, & Otis, Memb's Williams College gave Mr Wight a short call about sunset - seated in $\frac{1}{2}$ h. wagg. bearers of some interesting intelligence respecting late occurrences there - Laselle - chiefly concerned

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16th Mrs S. Harwood paid P.M. visit to Mrs Getty & daughters.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 Some part of the day pretty cold - showers seemed to move much to the N. visiting the neighboring towns - some straggling ones visited us just after dinner and spoiled our hay-making remainder of the day. Geo & Fr'd Wight after finishing the clover attacked on Monday - commenced with cutting very fine grass N. of the N. orch'd, which gave them employm't until night. I was figuring chiefly in cheese room & assisting in scalding salting & getting cheese into press. P.M. repaired some fence by Grove - helped a little about hay. Father, besides using his rake, improved a late hour working in the garden. The ladies of this house rec'd a host of feminine guests - To wit - Mrs Capt Waters, Mrs Diad, Waters, Mrs M. Coffin, & babe, Miss E. no Miss Martha, Miss Elizabeth - but I am wrong - ought to have written first Miss Delia Waters, John her brother, & Loraine the youngest. At night a part of the company went home & a part tarr'd all night - Mrs W., Miss Martha, John and little Lorrain.

THURSDAY, JULY 18 As to weather, much like the 17th - perhaps showers were rather lighter - but in one past 4 P.M. there was hail & however not so as to do any mischief - and in regard to thunder the reports were loud and quick, much like artillery. Mr Wight dispute with me in the morning on what kind of weather we were going to have - he, inferring from fog & clds hanging ab't the mountains - particularly Manchester - argued that it would rain immediately - I on the contrary placing reliance on the wind coming from N.W. and light appearance of the clds - kept saying it would improve & at length clear up fine - Before noon, however, had to give it up - rain it would, and rain it did - the quantity here was inconsiderable - in Shaftsbury, Arlington, Manchester & thereabouts it appeared that they rec'd more than we did. Four lds clover - the pull of that section was drawn in - of which 2 lds were stored in new barn, being the first therein placed. Some effort was made to rake & doodle that which was cut on the 17th but the state of the weather was such that but few hands were so served. Mowing was commenced in Litt. Mead. which, a part of it, was pretty productive. The cheese took, most of it took a turning by my strong arm - ladies rubbed them well over - Garden rec'd a partial dressing at the hands of B. Harwood. G.P. with Hopkins rode up street carrying with them W. Haswell's barn ladder - rec'd from me \$3 to pay Miss P. Thayer for tailoring for him - Mr Wight in the evening related over hairbreadth escapes made by him on Connecticut River in the neighborhood of Lunenburg, Vt. I took down the flute and played over many pieces which carried my mind rapidly over by gone days & years. As to the ladies, Mrs S. Harwood and daughter went to Wid. Kents - paid respects to the whole house - Warren babe & all. Mrs Waters with some of her girls, accomp'd by nobody --- paid Mrs S.H. Brown a visit.

FRIDAY, JULY 19 Clear morning - prospect flattering - presumed were going to enjoy fine hay weather - Soon however did it haze up - from hazy became cldy and before night there was light sprinkling of rain - wind being twisted round S.W. - What we might pronounce temperate. Rather more than 3 tons hay was got in from meadow N. of the orch'd where the yield was bountiful - much of said hay was too green, but such was the state of the weather that we considered ourselves obliged so to manage. More mowing done in Litt. Mead. nearly 1/2 ton, green as it was, thrown on cart to stand over night. A goodly quantity produced on flat to the right of lane raked together & doodled in expectation of heavy rain. Mr Wight enjoyed a part of the evening reading T. Moore's hard named Poem about the Lady in Delhi - I played flute drily. Mother was conveyed in wagg. to H. Waters' driven by Adeline - the same waited upon her home at night - She attended Friday Meeting - in which she seemed to find abundant satisfaction.

SATURDAY, JULY 20 Contin'd thick & cldy, dull hay weather, wind S.W. with very trifling fine misty rain - some I think in the morning & again late P.M. Geo & Wight compl'd mowing Litt Mead latter said, sarcastically, he knew there was 3 acres of it for it had taken Geo & him 3 days to mow it. Much hoeing by B. Harwood in garden. Besides usual task at dairying & assisting at raking up some hay, H. Harwood accomplished the mighty undertaking of vutting off a weeks growth of beard which covered his fiz, disfiguring a countenance at best more than homely. Sent Hopkins to Mr Dan's & rec'd a sack of good blown salt, bro't from Troy by order of fr'd Orin. The work people of S H. Brown made a beginning of mowing clover E. of the road on the Fay farm. Weight of cheese daily from Jul 12 to 19th inclusive :- 12" 83, 13" 85, 14th 80, 15th 85, 16th 92, 17th 90, 18th 86, 19th 86 lbs. Many queer things in Spect. of N.Y. respecting Gen'l Jackson L.L.D. Among the great questions now occupying the attention of the People & Parliament of G. Brit'n was that of Abolishing Slavery throughout the B. Dominions. Very long pieces, speeches &c had to pass over without reading for want of time. This keeping so many cows is a terrible damper to the reading spirit - but necessity goads on - can see no way very clearly to avoid it. Adeline rec'd pr shoes which she had ordered made at Childs' & Forbes - price \$1.37 1/2 on a/c short cr. Playing the flute pretty zealously in the evening gave some amusement, Hopkins present. During the month up to 19th 1670 lbs cheese, as weighed at the press, had been made. Quantity of hay was in barn computed at 12 tons - considered that 1/4 our hay of this season had been cut - computing all that ~~had~~ had been mown.

SUNDAY, JULY 21 Fine & pretty hot - favorable to growth of Ind. corn Father, Mother, Lydia, Adeline, Geo P. & Mr Wight went to church. I had but little writing to attend to, therefore perused papers as much as I could & perform necessary work on dairy. Rec'd visit from S.W.D's who went to examine his colt which he saw with ours doing well in woods pasture. Mr Wight rec'd friendly visit from his friend Clement - formerly school fellow at B. Academy. Past 8 in the eve'g went to Maj. L. Norton's - conversed with him on various topics, McAdam roads

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Turnpike across the mountain, a part of which had been very bad the present season - shewed me a small book which he borrowed of Levin Jewett - many leaves torn out, beginning & end gone - "History of Troy's Destruction", being a translation from Greek in coarse style - such as many English Authors used when printers set capitals to every noun in the page. Took Spect. of July 15 & came home.

MONDAY, JULY 22 All the morning there were light flying clds, kept growing warm - by noon clouds gathered into thund. heads, sun broke out intolerably warm - thund. roared at the N., rain was expected here, but as good fortune would have it, the showers missed us - heard thunder at the S. After a most cruel hot day cool wind came up in eve'g from the N. giving us great relief. Litt. Mead. cleared of hay of which 5 tons were this day got in. I was employed until noon - Hopkins in Co., in procuring & driving home a sort of yellow cream, or no coloured bull - property of M. Hurd, whose consent was obtained so to do. Hopkins rode the old mare. Saw L. Jewett who said he had bargained his cheese to S. & Brown at \$6. per hund deliv'd in Troy every fortnight - boxes furnished by S & B. Don't want to waste time & paper in describing rout to old Walbridge place to see Paddock about his minister, nor do I want to tell a long story about Lorenzo Downs and hands cutting great clover in his fine mead back of W. of his house - Drank excellent water at his well - saw his lady. Must mention seeing Mr Hurd reaping excellent rye 20 or 30 rods E. of his house assisted by my old friend Aaron Osborn - what queer boy who in 1801 worked in Street's Tan Y'd under the severe rule of a young man named James Williams, by whom he was often & unreasonably flogged. W. if living must be over 50, as Osb. is upw'd of 45 - they likewise had a boy reaping in s'd field. Hurd had a mower cutting stout grass in the orch'd by the house - there was excellent grass S. of his house in a lot lately laid down. I do not want to enter into a long description of the manner in which I very thoughtlessly & inadvertently tossed a pitchfork from barn floor on to the W. mow where my cous. G.P. Harwood was employed in taking away hay as Mr W't picked it off the cart - nor how said fork almost miraculously caught in his shirt without even wounding him - nor can I if I would tell what passed in my mind at that moment. It might have ruined him forever. Considered myself entirely wrong in the act with no bad intention - presumed him to be standing at the opposite end of the mow - did not see him when I committed the silly deed.

TUESDAY, JULY 23 Fair & very warm, not entirely without haze, clds - warm eve'g. Thick stout grass was cut near W. end of the barn & in S. mead by the lane & fronting S. orchard. About 1 ton got in - making up about 16½ tons in barn. Hopkins was sent to grist mill where he had gr'd 4 bbls provender with which made safe return - also had mare shod at Chandler's. Mary Foster of Danby, Vt., tarried the night with us. On Sunday 14th inst., L. Jewett suffered the loss of a cow worth as upposed \$20 by lightning - R. Walbridge an ox - same day - Gent'n in Pittstown, N.Y. fine span horses

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 Cruelly hot nearly all day - signs of rain were very conspicuous early in the morning - and loud peals of thunder by ab't 9 or 10 o'clock announced its near approach, but none of importance came here before noon. Ab't 3 P.M. had a considerable shower, attended with thunder - showers seemed to pass off N.E. by S.W. Quantity of rain in our immediate vicinity small. Three good loads hay, not in prime order, were drawn in. As might be imagined the weather was unfavorable to hay'g. Had time to peruse N.Y. papers - Much pleased with Mr Rush's Narrative as Minister to the Court of London 1817-18 Great many interesting particulars respecting the s'd Regent, other members of the R' family and the Grandees generally &c &c.

THURSDAY, JULY 25 Pretty temperate, fine breeze, N.W. Haying progressed very pleas'ly - that part of the S. meadow over against the S. orc'd yielded bountifully, particularly a little spot near the great flint rock which before it was manured produced very sparingly indeed & that of an indifferent kind. Lost a great quantity of whey - some in the morning and whole tub full at night through misunderstanding and want of care. Twenty two tons had been got in - to do this had taken 26 cart loads. A road was cut to the side-hill S. upper brook - 4 swaths contin'd up to the cow pasture. Old lady & y'g lady visited Mrs Sibley. Mrs Harris came down in great distress about her cow being clandestinely driven off last night - thought some it might have been done by some of the Parsons' of Hoo8k - but we told her better - never was done by them. Mr Burton popp'd in this eve'g. Mr Getty & hands very busy getting in hay on the f. farm E. of the road - had our mare to operate with horserake this aft. noon. Presumed had cut over 12 acres to get in the 22 tons hay.

FRIDAY, JULY 26 Really warm - sky hazy until past noon - clds in detached bits all over - aft. noon pretty clear. 4 ton hay at 4 lds crowned the labors of the day - gathered chiefly on the fl flat near the centre stands the well known walnut tree - estimated the product to be ab't 3 tons per acre. See old journals for more particulars - Mother attended Friday Meeting - Lydia & Adeline visited at H. Waters' - Sold to David Love 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs April cheese & rec'd payment in full \$2. They said my beard was never so long before - lacking several hours of a weeks age.

SATURDAY, JULY 27 Tokens of approaching rain observed in the morning. S.W. wind sent up clds - no rain - saw it lighten & suspected the hearing of thunder in the eve'g N. of this. Heat very considerable all day - but just at sunset was more powerfully sensated while employed at milking than at any time during the season. A piece of mead. gr'd bounded W. by the lane, N. by the hither brook, S.E. & partly S. by the ditch - remainder up to the lane, S. of Dry Brook bars, comprising an area of about 2 acres was gone over by G.P. 7 fr'd W. hayed & all safely & in pretty good order drawn into new barn - computed at 2 tons, being light & abounding in swamp grass excepting the swale which yielded well & excellent quality of hay & likewise some red tops S. of Swale. Our boys had worked hard the present week. Geo went up St accomp'd by Hopkins - rec'd new garments of Miss P. Thayer to whom paid in full \$3. Rec'd the money of me on acc't.

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Computed quantity of hay cut, up to this date, at 28 tons - 33 loads - 14 acres.

SUNDAY, JULY 28 Not exactly clear, cold morning, contin'd so comparatively all day - Cold N. wind. Attended to papers principally, but not inclusively. Looked in Blair, in Porter, in Carey's Atlas, nor did I forget the Bible in which a few verses were perused. Dairying kept me moving until ab't noon. Geo P., J.A. Wight, Mother & A.M. Harwood heard fine sermon by Mr Hooker. Ira B. Dewey gave short call late in the day. S.W. Daniels came down from his fathers with his colt & ours poked & turned them loose in Woods' pasture. It seems they had broken out of that into somebody's improvements - aft'ds into the highway. Report of daily quantity of cheese & how much made form from April 11 to the time of making up that rep't shall soon appear.

MONDAY, JULY 29 Weather gazers said in the morning it would rain before night, and so it did - but not so as to am't to much. Mr Getty said it was going to rain because the sun set clear last Friday evening, a sign which he hardly ever knew fail. Commenced wheat harvest - nearly 4 acres in the field - of which tow'd half was laid low principally by G.P. & Fr'd Wight - they aft'wd assisted in stooking & binding it. Wringing ugly work to bind - fr'd W. performed well at that but professed vast dislike to it. Agreeable to promise Mr Getty came over and cut down a whole field of rye - say 2 acres in S. mead. by the crooked big bass tree, where oats grew in 1832 - See Aug 18 or 20 of last year. Mr G. executed his job P.M.

TUESDAY, JULY 30 Rainy, but not to great degree, ceased before 12 & a good P.M. for business ensued, cool, w'd being N. cldy Boys were engaged in mowing the 5 acre bit on sidehill adjoin'g S.H. Brown's Fay Farm. During the heaviest part of the rain they had to retreat into the house. Some wheat was reaped by father & me. Mr Getty with his men Haynes & B. Hand came over & ground up a number of scythes.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 Rather unusually cool - pretty clear - w'd N. hand some. The 5 acre piece all cut over - hay drawn in at 3 lds - called it 2 tons - stored in new barn. During A.M. wheat cut at upper edge, bound & set up by B. Harwood & Son - principally by the former because there was cheese for the latter to attend to. Ladies all away P.M. Mother to J. Rog's Alg's, the others to Mrs Kent's - hogs got out, had to let Hopk's stay to watch them. Mr Cobb drove up, but finding the house deserted suddenly withdrew. See April 20. Simeon Thayer Jr was supposed to be fast approaching his dying hour. Considered himself a hopeful convert to the Christian Religion on Friday last - consumption

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1 Cold blasts of N. & N.E. wind - Manchester Mountain cloud capped - had slight shower of moderate rain soon after 12 at noon - fair remainder of the day - Geo & Mr W. mowed a handsome piece of meadow E. of the walnut tree which produced well and they calculated on getting it up alone.

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but the weather proving bad broke up the scheme - all hands had to exert themselves to save the hay from getting wet - one load was taken in - after which they went to mowing again down next to the Fay line where S. H.B's board fence stands. H. Harwood & Son raked, bound & set up the rye so handsomely cradled by Getty on the 29th. The hay took some wetting but not to much am't. Mr John W. Cobb of Brandon, Vt., dry goods dealer, put up with us for the night. Hopkins much afflicted with biles. Statement of quantity of cheese made from 20th to 31st ult :- 20" 82, 21' 84, 22d 78, 23d 84, 24th 80, 25th 77, 26th 85, 27th 79, 28th 86, 29th 86, 30th 86, 31st 87 lbs - 994 lbs - and during the whole month 2664 lbs. Mr Cobb informed us that at the N. hay & English grain were coming in most bountifully - corn generally light - stock looked finely - their horses were of a superior kind. People in the Lake towns were selling out & removing to the W. by droves.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2d Rank cold morning for the season, turned out to be a tolerable hay day - Clouds & what we called hazy sky were observed. Haying was contin'd down next S.H's patrimony - hay all safely got in - stored in new barn. Of J.W. Cobb bo't dark col'd M. shawl at \$11 and 6 yds Mull at 3/6 \$3.50, in all \$14.50 - his bill of fare deducted left due him \$14., to run 6 mo's - Former article for Mrs S., latter for Miss A.M. Harwood. The meadow near Sam'l H's board fence produced lightly, manure appeared wanting. S. of the upper brook near lower edge of oats where a few lds manure had been recently applied, far better than usual.

SATURDAY, AUG. 3d Neither clear nor very cldy - signs of approaching rain were not wanting and it was a sort of negative hay day. 3 lds amt'g to 2 tons by computation were cut & drawn in - 2/3ds stored in new barn - first ld badly made, that is, pretty green - procured S. the upper brook next the oats. Quantity in full of hay saved the pres't season, calculated at 37½ tons. Hopkins getting well of biles Mr Wight appeared thoughtful - made many queer observations - worked heroically. G.P. kept steadily along, making now & then enquiry if it were going to rain. A part of this days mowing was performed on W. of that mentioned July 26, turning out about like that. Mr G's hands were employed in S.H.B's Fay lot E. of the road - mowed a handsome square piece of red-top, measuring perhaps about 1 acre - they also operated on the blue hill S. in manner to their own taste. Should say it was a real warm day.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 As warm as on the 3d, thundered & rained late in the day, but not to great am't. Mother, Lydia & Adeline, Geo P., J.A.W., & Hopk's went to meeting. Business first being disposed of, beard off, appropriated aft. noon to reading principally - wrote out Jour'l besides. In Spect. of N.Y. saw an article respecting our Novelist Cooper not very pleas't - took real satisfaction in looking over Memoir of B. Steuben - Paid pleas't little visit to Maj L. Norton - saw a very fine book on such subjects as Chemistry, making glass, porcelain &c &c. Rec'd papers of July 25 & 29 & hastened home because it app'd very likely for rain - Papers very full of foreign news - In one of these the execution of Joel Clough was noticed pretty fully - 12,000 people were said to have attended.

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On Friday eve'g Simeon Thayer Jun departed this life in the year of his age. In Spect. of July 18 - allowing me to be correct- is the Address of N.Biddle Esq 4th same month, deliv'd at the laying of corner stone of Girard College, Phila., prefixed to which is an acc't of dimensions & other particulars of the intended building, to which gave attention on Sunday - very interesting. Rich'd Carpenter visited Street wood lot with H. Waters - called twice.

MONDAY, (JULY) Very warm S. wind, thin haze, sun enough to dry hay so
AUG. 5 as to be quite tolerable. Not far from 2 acres s. pt
N. mead. cut over by Geo & fr'd Wight - W. & N.W. barn
Producing nearly 3 tons good hay, all safely deposited in old barn. They complained of wretched hard mowing against where a dry ditch had bro't on the soil from the wheatfield adjoining. Eve'g read Spectator on Collegiate Honors - case of Dr A. Jackson fully considered - some of his bungling composition bro't forward to prove the absurdity of conferring L.L.D. on him.

TUESDAY, AUG. 6 Warm, faint, cldy, scuds of fine misty rain from S.W. of short continuance began by 11 A.M. - 2 or 3 P.M. came on a real rain. The remaining wheat of which a small part had been vradled by Mr Getty was reap'd almost exclusively by G.P. & friend W't, principally bound by B. Harwood - nearly all of it stook'd - at the two last operations I rendered assistance. Our ladies were honored with the company & sociability of old Mrs Printiss & Mrs Jason Sibley Jun - the former now about 77 yrs of age - 22 yrs since resided in the Doct Fay house in our neighborhood, removed to W. pt of the town in the Spring of 1811, lost her husband in March 1813 who died of the Epidemic - aged 57 or 58 - very lively good sort of man, carpenter by occupation, industrious, could relate many interesting anecdotes respecting the war of the Revolution in which he faithfully served ab't 1½ years. Perhaps on some of my old records of 1809-10 mention may be found of Mr P.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7 Cool N.W. wd prevailed mostly - cldy - had slight showers here past 12 - not sufficient to spoil hay, tho it did it no service. Haying was pushed vigorously by G & W't - a slice of meadow N. of that mentioned on Monday was gone over as far as the clover bit tow'd S.H.B's, producing pretty fairly 3 tons good hay, a part of which necessarily not so well hayed as we wished it, all snugly placed in the old barn. Mrs Kent & daughter generously deigned to spend the P.M. with our ladies - the young child of the latter was presented by Miss L. Harwood to Mr Wight but he refused seeing it totally - not fond at all of seeing or having anything to do with children of that green & tender age. Father, Hok's & y'g Sibley exerted themselves sprdg swaths & raking hay.

THURSDAY, AUG. 8 Cool for the season, wind N. until eve'g, when changed to S. very cool with rain signs - general aspect during the day pretty clear - clouded up at night - late it rained - Mowing all finished in N. meadow, patch in C's orch'd also cut in good season, principally executed by Wight in consequence of G. being indisposed early in the m'g - the latter however was enabled to perform quite profitably so that by 2 P.M. the hay - 2 tons - was nicely gathered & drawn - all hands ready to go and see the Gr'd Caravan of animals in front

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of Hinsdill's, late Hicks' Inn. The inhabitants of this house excepting B. Harwood cleared for town to enjoy a view of wild beasts, Mother however went no farther than Mr Coffin's where she paid visit to cous. P. Waters and family. After getting under the gr't Tent under which the exhibition was being carried on, it was surprising to see the immense crowd of both sexes, literally crammed together in so small a space. The ladies were seated on the S.W. side on temporary benches arising one behind the other - the whole area below was filled to overflowing by both young & old, male & female. Can't go into particulars - All ordered outside of ring - monkeys rode ponies, lama, camel, elephant severally bro't forward - Music consisting of fine Band - performed drily - next the people were ordered within the ring - to kneel, gentlemen's hats off - Seth Dunn stood out awhile - but finally complied - cages all opened. A handsome young man entered the cage of the lion & lioness - made himself very familiar with them - the former behaved kindly the latter growled & shewed great displeasure. The young man put his naked arm respectively in their mouths - exposing himself very foolishly - a sight no wise pleasing to me - nor do I believe it was less so to the audience generally. After this exhibition was through the people rose - viewed as much as they pleased and departed - The Manager appeared to accommodate very handsomely - but it was so crowded & running over full within the tent - so many breaths were intermingled as to render the heat & difficulty of respiration almost intolerable. Among the animals not named above, may be mentioned the tiger, hyena, Leopard, and Zebra. Two large birds said to be of the Ostrich kind were there - likewise parrots - Elephant, lions &c - young & small. The concourse of people was immense & we did not see near all of them because they had gone home - having improved an earlier hour than we. After the Caravan was closed it was not a little amusing to observe the intense application of the hawkers & peddlers that were numerous stationed around the big tent - vending dry goods, tin, provisions &c - almost splitting their throats auctioneering their various articles. There was a notice up that rattle-snakes, whose fangs had been extracted, were to be seen at Hinsdill's - admittance 6 cts - Had not much anxiety to view them. Will just mention names of a few persons with whom I came in contact ; Dr Jon. Chandler, Stephen Bingham, Col Francis Brackenridge, Abisha Kinsley, Sam'l Scott, N. Daniels &c - Add T.C. Parsons - out-side tent. Supped with Geo., our ladies & capt. W's at Mr Coffin's. Came home and attended to usual concerns - afterwards rode with Hopkins up to Hinsdill's to hear the Concert. Admittance 25" - children half price, same as the Caravan. "Washington Band" performed in Hinsdill's Ball Room - Many of the principal personages in the Street purchased tickets and went in - I stood aloof thinking it best to husband the purse a little - Therefore placed myself in the street - accompanied by Henry Robinson, son of Aaron, J. Brooks, Sam'l Wadsworth, my son and some other persons - and was well and highly entertained. The flute performer seemed a most accomplished and accurate adept in his profession. When

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the Concert was finished - walked into Hinsdill's bar room where among others saw cous. U.M. Robinson who had been hearing the music - expressed great astonishment at the very superb and finished performers to which he had just now listened. It was altogether beyond his expectation - So said others - Saw Richard Dickinson there. Returned home late in the evening. Let it be mentioned that my sister & daughter had the singular good fortune to enter the great tent of the Caravan unobserved by the door-keeper who at that instant happened to be off his guard - entirely without design or forethought on their part - saving thereby 25" apiece. Our family were all there, excepting Father & Mother.

FRIDAY, AUG. 9 Cold, cloudy, no day for making hay, so our boys improved it mowing very thin mean grass - the very offscouring of all our mowing central part of the upper mead. E & S of oat, now rye ground.. S.W. Daniels came up there on his bay colt - said the Washington Band would return from White Creek this evening and perform in Concert in the gallery of the meeting house - in presence of such lovers of music as were disposed to patronize s'd all-accomplished Band - Admittance 25 cts - usual deduction for children. To this concert Miss Lydia, Hopkins and myself went - halted at friend Waters' - friend H. seemed unwilling to attend, but finally after much solicitation, consultation and teazation on the part of his lady did go. There was a most respectable audience composed mostly of the first characters in town - many gentlemen waited upon their ladies there - many young beaux came also with such ladies as were most to their liking - among the former would mention my fr'd John Norton & lady, F. Blackmer & lady, &c Rev'd Mr Hooker and many members of his church. The performance was equal to what anyone could possibly wish - Solos were executed admirably by Mr Moran on flute & by Mr Murphy on key bugle - and after going through with pieces named in their bills, others followed by request - past ten wound up with "Hail Columbia" & "Yankee D." Instruments employed were - key bugle - Germ'n & Concert flutes - 4 clarionets - 3 French horns - 1 serpent for bass - The bass drum & a rough sounding kind of pipe were not present - Musicians were said to be mostly, if not wholly foreigners. I was in the upper part of the house - near the N.E. corner - in what I conceived to be the most proper position for hearing to advantage - S.W. Dan's & Hopkins were with me. Should delight in setting down the names of many persons attending, but not being situated so as to ascertain these with much accuracy, shall pass it over, only inserting those of Capt Heman & cous N. Robinson - Returned home by about 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, AUG. 10 Finished haying S. of the upper brook - where with much toil procured 3 tons pretty good hay. Mr Wight computed the quantity in full produced S. of s'd brook - at 6 tons - In all 48 tons to this date.

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B. Harwood & gr'dson Hopkins exerted themselves strenuously to get up the hay - & no less so had G.P. & fr'd Wight in mowing & afterwards in taking & pitching the same.

SUNDAY AUG 11 Handsome and fair - So much to do - could get no time to read or write until 12 at noon - Nothing very important in the papers - Grwat quantity of Debating matter from B House of Commons on Slavery &c. An accomplished Missionary named Smith preached at the Cong. meeting house - had travelled over Greece, Egypt, Asia Minor, Prussia &c to India - gave very full & satisfactory account of all these countris with occasional comment on the character of the inhabitants of the same - powerful, elegant, clear & distinct speaker. Geo, Wight, Lydia, Adeline & mother and Hopkins were at church. Ira B. Dewey came here - wrote letter to his parents, Hopkinton, N.Y. - left with us his new book "Revolutions in Europe".

MONDAY, AUG. 12 Steady S. wind, thick clds rising - pretty sure of having rain which began falling before sunset - Winter grain all safely carted in - 1187 sheaves wheat, say 300 rye, former grew on 4 acres W. of barn - pretty good - injured by drought in spring - latter produced on 2 acres upper S. mead. E. of crooked Bass, lean crop - say from 6 to 7 bbls pr acre - see Sept 26 of last year. A patch of mowing, surrounding the stunted white oak, was performed, hayed after a fashion & got in - called it 1 ton. Not so good as might be.

TUESDAY, AUG. 13 So rainy afternoon as to spoil all haying calculations - only barely escaped out of the meadow with perhaps half a ton - Boys continued mowing - Was visited by Mr Smith of S. Adams accomp'd by his friend Tyler of Pownal - examined & appeared anxious to purchase are dairy of cheese. My price was set at \$7 pr hund - he offered but 6½ delivered in casks at the cheese house - hated to go off without making a bargain, but would allow no more. Just before this, deac. Dimmick called on me wishing to purchase 150 lbs for his family supply - but no bargain was entered into. Benj F. Fay came down with his lady - bo't & paid 7 cts pr lb for 27 lb April cheese. Had thunder withnour rain.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14 Not altogether hay weather - too cloudy - cold high wind W. or N.W. or N.E. - clds ran very low all the morning. It was fully determined by our young men to finish haying. There was a considerable extent of the W. side of the S. mead bounded by the lane & potato patch, extending father E. than that - besides patches of grass within the boundeds of s'd potato patch, comprising perhaps 3½ acres - all handsomely operated on, hay safely landed in barn at 4 loads Total am't of hay the pres't yr on B. Harwood's farm 54 tons - Add 1½ do old hay on hand, making in full 55½ tons - Counted lds of hay present season - Greatest year for hay 1838 - 75 tons.

THURSDAY, AUG 15 Still contin'd unpropitious hay weather - had smart shower of rain by 11 A.M. - mor less rainy P.M. Oats S of upper brook cut by Getty & cous G.P. - the latter assisted in unloading hay aft. noon. Getty very handsomely cradled those oats within an hour 2 - instructed Geo in the art. Caleb Brown, Merchant of Wmstown, Ms., came up as he said on purpose to buy our cheese - stuck for \$7 but he would talk nothing near the am't of that - tried the article & liked it - On being informed of Smith hav'g been here appeared to dislike it much - didnt see why he should be contented in his own district where he presumed he had bo't this

year 200 thous'd weight - threatened retaliation - knew what S. had been herefor - his intention was he presumed to purchase & sell this dairy to the same person who bo't it last season of S. & Brown. This buyer, he S. represented as doing much in the cheese line in N.Y. - had Cole's dairy also. Meabt, if he should buy it, to let him have ours again, but could not think of giving my price. We had manufactured it about right & if we would proceed in the business, could after awhile work it up to a high price as he had that of his brother-in-law, Cole - in doing which it had employed him several seasons, and for which he said, in a kind of half joke - had rec'd no compensation - did it because Israel C. married his sister. After dragging a good while a bargain was finally concluded at \$6½ pr cwt on the shelves, to be paid first Jan - Casks to be furnished by us at 50 cts a piece - also to pack, weigh, pack & brand as we had done heretofore in our best style, complete for delivery; Would notify in writing when he would send for it, which would be as early as the weather would permit - to take cheese up to Oct 10. He started away with the intention of purchasing Harmon & Pool's dairy. If I rightly understood Mr Southworth, partner of C. Brown, our dairy of 1832 went to Phila. Made partial settle'm't with J.A. Wight, whose faithful services had lasted accord'g to his acc't - 33 days - tow'd which paid him \$10 - this added to \$7 already rec'd came to \$17 - He demanded no more wages than he rec'd 1832 - I assured him that as wages were much higher than at that time & being deeply impressed with the obligation he had laid me under by his steady & unyielding exertion in our employment - should give him more. He attended to business for himself - bo't of F.F. Forbe pr of thin boots.

FRIDAY, AUG. 16 Cloudy & afternoon some showery, with thund. Bad for getting up hay. Cous Geo worked at haying for Mr Getty. A few lds of hay was cut W. side wheat stubble by B. Harwood - was afterwards joined by his grandson in mowing Can. thistles this side the upper orch'd. I was usual busy in turning & assisting at making cheese. Afternoon rode with Mrs H. to L. Jewett's to see if they would sell us a few lbs wool - they had none - Eunice had - at 50 cs - talked of dairying &c &c. L. had much hay down - Among his hands, or his & his sisters, saw uncle N. Osborn, J. Duncan, G. House & John Searls and likewise the maid who called herself Mary Foster, from Danby. We rode to Wid. Billing to see if would procure pull'd wool - but they had none - Old lady not very well - poor appetite - still able to converse fluently on affairs of bygone days - Came to this town to reside in 1777 - kept public house at the house of Thomas Jewett Esq., which yet remains - had wonderful run of custom in consequence of the marching of so many troops through the country. Conversated some with Mrs Dewey & Mrs House - looked at the dairy of the latter made from 6 cows - very pretty - could sell for 8 cts pr lb to F. Blackmer. Ought to have mentioned looking at Mrs Jewett's which appeared well, but rather light & of course not numerous because it was bargained to be carried off every fortnight. On re-

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turning tow'd home made another call at J's to engage wool of friend Eunice - saw J.F. Nilling there - passed usual compliments. At Maj L. Norton's procured Spect. of Aug. 8 - saw Mrs Street - Got home so as to join in milking cows. Many reports of guns were heard in town & E. Village. Sixteenth not forgotten. Mr Wight went to Billstown on foot. Meth. Meeting House dedicated on the 15th - Sermon by W. Birsall. Ought to say M. meeting house in E. Vill.

SATURDAY, AUG. 17 Very temperate, clody, showery in some places - rained slightly here - fine day for cows to feed. Manure was wcraped in heaps ab't our yards. The hay mentioned on Friday was got in. Jon Rogers & a friend of his of the cord-wainer fraternity spent a short time with us tow'd the conclusion of the day - examining dairy, cow-pens, watering establishment, new barn, young orch'd, &c. - ate supper with us. S.W. Den's assisted at milking - staid over night. Hopkins waited upon his gr'd mother to Bradf'r Godfrey's - Diadama in Co., enjoyed very fine visit - returned with a book giving a history of Methodism - full of engravings - acc't of shipwreck &c.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 Cold - low foggy ragged looking clds. Had not much time to read - bro't up writing to the pres't date. Sylvanus tried his colt before 1 h. wagg and found he'd perform handsomly. Geo., Lydia and Adeline went to meeting - Father out of health - Hopkins smitten with biles on his back.

MONDAY, AUG. 19 Cool, fine, pretty fair - there were signs of rain. Carting manure to the E. side S. mead near S.H. Brown board fence constituted the employm't of G.P. & H. Harwood. Father & mother rode over on New Turnpike - 2 miles beyond E. Lyons' to the first gate - had mare shod at H. Norton's - had business at shoemaker's & at the merchant's. Hopkins drove team occasionally for Geo - biles very inconven't. Adeline M. perused Works of Hann. More & fringed bead bag.

TUESDAY, AUG. 20 Excellent weather for every sort of business abroad Besides carting manure - 286 sheaves superior oats were bound & drawn in. Mr Getty & hands exerted themselves trying to finish haying. We selected 1016 feet basswood boards to forward to the cooper for the purpose of being converted into cheese casks. Geo P. shaved for commencem't in the eve'g.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21 Very warm - hazy - w'd S. - pleas't. Several loads manure were carted on E. side S. mead. Hopkins & his young friend W. Sibley drove the oxen besides unloading the cart in a number of instances - also performed something at shovelling. Our ~~ladies~~ ladies rec'd the company of Mrs P. Waters and daught'r Martha - Lydia & Adeline accomp'd them home in the evening. G.P. left in good season for Commencem't & arrived again with J.A. Wight in the eve'g. G.P. left in good season ~~for~~. Things at Billstown were conducted in fair good style. Mr Andrews headed a fine Band of Music - which performed superbly

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THURSDAY, AUG. 22 There were signs of rain, but very little followed. The business of G.P. & myself was that of carting manure into the N. meadow. Mr Wight employed himself with his books. Father & mother rode abroad together - the former conveyed a list of property to be insured by J.N.Hinsdill in the Mutual - amounting to upwards of 3200 dollars. I began seriously to think on and repent of selling our dairy at the price agreed on.

FRIDAY, AUG. 23 Rained some from the N. in the morning. Remained cldy & cool all day. A considerable quantity of refuse lumber flung promiscuously about the yards was collected & piled together - other stuff fit only for fuel was also drawn & deposited in the door yard. Commenced plowing ground near the N.E. corner of the new barn in order to wear it down level or nearly so with the foundation of the barn. Was taken ill early in the evening - rec'd visit from Mr Eli Carpenter who saw our dairy & admired it much - said I ought to have 7" pr lb for it - I was sensible of it, but could not now help it.

SATURDAY, AUG. 24 Very pleas't fine fair day. Contin'd plowing & scraping as was commenced on Friday. Hopkins drove the team most of the time. Geo & Adeline accomp'd Mr Wight to Hoosick Fall P.M. where he intended being awhile with Mr Lyman Cross learning French

SUNDAY, AUG. 25 Fair & very warm. Spent much of the day writing letters - one to Southwoeth & Brown of Williamstown & another to David Clark of Norway, N.Y., the latter was mostly written out on the 15th inst - the former contained loud complaint of being over-reached in my late contract with that house. A copy of it may be found in the Jor'l of 1820 to 1826. The latter was calculated to obtain information in regard to the dairying interest - giving a kind of history of our sales & purchases during 5 years last past. Felt extremely sick of my cheese bargain - no remedy. Rec'd an electioneering visit from a neighbor - rather wanted me to go for Dewey - I half let him know I should support John S. Robinson. Sylvanus W. Daniels came to see us - said Mr Pool had sold his dairy to Caleb Brown on private contract - that the latter the first onset gave out that I had sold for 6½ - but mind ye he had instructed me to say nothing of it - as if it were very good on my side - I now viewed it as the greatest blunder in dealing that I ever committed in all my days. I had at one blast thrown away the chance of taking from 50 to 60 dollars - lost it through the most silly flat calculations a person of my age could conceive - these considerations completely unmanned me - was wretched without remedy. Vented some of my bile in the letter above mentioned - But it was of no use - might as well submit peaceably.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 26 Very warm - some cldy - rain much wanted - forgot to mention on Sunday that Mrs Parsons and her little Mary bro't out from Hoosick by her son-in-law Burtis in a 2 h.wagg. accomp'd by his wife and her sister Jane. Aunt Ruth and Miss Mary tarried - the rest after dinner returned to Hoosick. We completed scraping down the bank N. of the new barn - employed us about all day - carted & blated off a good many stones which were deposited beside the lane below the house. Geo & Adeline arrived on Sunday evening from Hoosick where had lately died Col Dorr very suddenly in his garden with a hoe in his hand - by fit of apoplexy. Likewise within a few days old Mrs Ball, mother of S.Parson's lady - aged 73 - the former 76. My mean letter to C.Brown ~~by~~ was forwarded by stage this morning & in the evening 8.P. arrived from town with a reply which cast me vastly in the shade. In mine among other stuff I found fault with him for enjoining secrecy upon me respecting our bargain and going immediately to Pool's, as I was informed, and making it known as an argument to induce him to sell for less than P's price - \$1. He defended this by stating that he enquired if I had sold to him & for what price? He asked how he could get along without doing so. I also mentioned what had been insinuated to me that he had paid them more than, or to speak more to the purpose, agreed to pay them more than us for their dairy - This he denied - saying the terms were the same with a difference of 17 cs on a cask less than for ours. Purchased the Bussy dairy for $6\frac{1}{2}$ \$6 $\frac{1}{4}$ deliv'd & casked in Troy - At the Geo Allen Place gave $6\frac{1}{2}$ - dairy of 50 cows - the only one bo't for that sum - purchased a quantity for $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 - and one large one $6\frac{1}{4}$. News flew that Brown had purchased a large quantity of cheese W. - and that he was buying all he could find - and cheese must be high - and it went like the wind - one drove after another started(away) - many thst never purchased before - and I am told for some dairies they bid up even $6\frac{1}{2}$ - and I know not but more than that - and now this fever is abated, cheese can be purchased from $6\frac{1}{2}$ or 6 good large cheese. And as for myself $6\frac{1}{2}$ is the highest yet - Dear friend you have got the highest price I have paid - and do be satisfied for you will I am sure find it to be enough. I hope it will advance - and I feel that my chance is fair on the purchases I have made. I have a great quantity of cheese on my hands here & West and I hipe to make money out of it in a fair honorable way - Said the Smith's & Brayton's and others are very much disturbed that they are not in for more of the staple article of our country - and proably will make uneasy feelings while they can - But that is not my make - If I purchase an article, & it falls on my hands - I expect to bear it - if otherwise I hope I am grateful for it. We have no high ups & low downs. I have purchased this day as good bargains as when in your neighborhood & can do it tomorrow in Smith's neighborhood too I think. Sir, it is one part of the labor to buy - and another part to sell & get money to meet

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my paper which I have as yet done - & hope to be favored to do this season. I have bought some dairies low as it is now going - but yours I gave enough for - yet I hope to make a few dollars on it - and I hope you wish me to do so. I am informed that Smith has purchased through his Agent Mr Parker in Dorset and Wallingford for 6 cts - dairies from 40 to 50 cows. If so he is purchasing lower than your friend you speak so much about. It is not that the market - it is not that cheese bring 8 cts in N.York that has made all this - It is - One man has helped the farmers from $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 & and from 6 to $6\frac{1}{2}$ in a single year. Why did not friend Smith say "I will pay you for your casks and take your cheese - if at that time cheese was worth so much? It is not that cheese would warrant any such price - and he knew it. But as soon as the word came from Herkimer that I had with my friend there made purchases & had been on there - "Brown is going into it largely & when he takes hold there can be no danger - and everything that had breath flew to one point - "Chhese" - "Cheese", was the motto. But it is dying away in our part - the time is yet to come to prove the sum of the whole matter - & I hope that it will work kind - and feel that through my management there will be something made, but feel perfectly innocent as to doing a thing out of proper order & fairness. You will please accept this as a token of regard. Altho' you cut close in your letter by certain hints, yet you & I know too well human nature to give space to such hints. Agreeable to your wishes I will take the early part of your cheese about the middle or 20th September, weather being suitable. Further, I only take Pool's early made - the late he keeps - Take what I please - say 1st Oc
Dear Friend do be satisfied - you have been well dealt by.

Yours, Claeb Brown

To the foregoing I immediately drew up a reply in very peaceable terms, signifying full satisfaction from his stztement. Explained away as well as I could the grumbling parts of my letter of the 26th - said a few words in regard to dairies being purchased without reference to quality - skimmed & unskimmed - all of a price. Saved a copy, to be found in some of my books.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 Very warm until late in the day when there was a slight rain. Measured cheeses, made out a calculation on the various sizes & number of casks wanted for casking cheese - sent off Cous. G. to Fuller with 8 or 900 feet thin basswood boards to be made into 34 casks agreeable to order - requested to be waited on for the pay, but furnish it at an early day if required. Some milling was attended to - thistles mown &c &c.

WED'Y, AUGUST 28 Cold indeed - wind fresh from N., cldy. Father & cousin G. cut thistles - the former spent much of the P.M. in company with our uncle Sam. Robinson who dined with us. I was off P.M. with my old lady,

trying to purchase wool - called on friend Eunice Jewett who said she had sold all she could spare. Saw & spoke with friend Levi & his wife. Drove to E.Village - called to Aus.B & Co's, believe nothing was bo't - started away for Swift & Hinsdill's - in front of Turner H's spoke with Dan'l D.Conklin of Albany - invited us to call on him if ever we came there. At Hinsdill & Swift's a bill of between 6 & 7 dollars was taken up on cr. in dry goods, sugar, raisins &c. A Patent Balance Beam of 702 lbs was offered me at \$8. which I had a notion of buying, but deferred the purchase until further consideration. At J.N.Hinsdill's, where saw Dan'l Rogers of Hoosick just leaving in his wagg. went over & made list of property to be insured in the Vermont Mutual - which was executed by J.N. as Agent of the Company - in the rough - would enter the whole in due form - send on to Montpelier - where a policy would be filled by C. Y.Vail, Sec'y of the Co., and forwarded us through the Post Office - Actual insurance, upward of \$2100 - gave note of \$97 - Due the company, for which would wait until Jan. \$4.50. Being through with this request ed me to go to the barn to see his horses. Had a fine black mare for which had lately bo't a match equally fine - pointed out a span of bays lately purchased of Leavenworth who appeared rather sick of his bargain He had imbibed a slight dislike to them on some trifling account - too lofty however to fly - and was complaining either to Joseph or to some one in his hearing - on being asked how much he would take for them, having cost him \$100 he replied \$300 - Joseph to his surprise stepped right up, counted out the money, to the astonishm't of Mr L. & rec'd the horses, the price of which he now raised to \$500. We left store for home - met E.Montague a few rods west of the Story house beyond the paper mill - conversed a few mom'ts, resumed motion again - Met at the lower end of Town St., old Mrs Chandler & the ldy of H.Waters in waggon who had been here on P.M. visit - also cous. Uel & lady & child who had paid a similar visit - Were in season to aid at milking - Milk for the 2d time in many weeks was all set in tubs & pails to obtain cream to keep up the family supply of butter.

THURSDAY, AUG. 29 Continued remarkably cold - cldy - past noon there came up a sudden flow of wind, very furious, attended with rain. Of course wind was from N. Father & G.P. contin'd mow'g thistles while it was fair - threshed corn in time of rain. Dairying found me in employm't - otherwise attended to writing - stuck to it until late at night - Perused Jack Downing's letter to the President reporting the state of the U.S.Bank - very amusing.

FRIDAY, AUG. 30 Cold morn'g, tolerably pleasant, broken clds. Many thistles & weeds fell under the edge of the scythe wielded by father, Geo. & Hopkins - performed something at weeds myself P.M. visited town - At Loves' saw J.H.Olin, O.C.Merrill & others - Election was spoken of. J.H.declared himself for the Union Ticket - Called on Dr N.Swift for money - had none to spare - Declared himself for Democ'y

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Saw Sam H. Brown at his horse barn - had attended funeral of Mr Raymond's little girl, 5 years old, very interesting child, died of the Croup. Got home before dark. Mrs Parsons, Mrs Harwood, Miss Adeline & little Mary vis'd Mrs Kent. Geo P. ploughed oat stubble. We discoursed on enlargement of dairy &c., eve'g.

SATURDAY, AUG. 31 Chilly & rainy, no storm afternoon, but contin'd cldy
A quantity of Ind. corn was threshed out by father & Geo - more done at mowing weeds - business likewise performed at the barn. Mr Hurd's minister sent home by Hopkins & his friend Warren Sibley - see July 22 - Visited the St., spent most of the time at F. Blackmer's store - saw Lawyer Squires, Capt P. Dewey, John Whiting & others. Visited cous. U.M. Robinson where there app'd a youngish Pow'l man doing business with him. Borrowed of U.M. \$5 to be paid on Tuesday next - sd he could lend me \$50 half a month without int - declined the offer with a compliment - Returned to Frank's - bo't 6 lbs codfish & 4 of nails & came home - Fine weather for dairying, pastures fresh, affording a good deal of feed. At the P.O. played flute for J.L. Rob.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 1 Fine day except being overcast with fly'g clds & very cold. Father, Mother & Hopk's & Adeline went to meeting - understood that Mr Ab Peters preached. Benj W. Cardell came from Hoosick in the yellow buggy with cous. Ellen Parsons, reported all well there. After service our friend Chatfield paid his respects to us - had just returned from a visit to Greenville, N.Y. - friends all well, including Granny Stone who could do a handsome day's work at spinning. Mr Card'l & cous. E. returned to Hoosick - Papers of Aug 22 & 26 were rec'd from Judge N's.

MONDAY, SEPT. 2 Continued unusually cold, grew mild P.M. pretty fair
Mowing willows was the main employm't - Geo P. finished plowing oat stubble - P.M. visited Aust & B's store - Hopk's & his mother being with me - For the former purchased $2\frac{1}{2}$ yds mix'd woolen cloth for suit - at \$2.50 pr yd, on b'k - Laurin Peck, Stephen Dewey and some others were seen there - Perhaps some other articles were had. They put in my hands my hand-book containing the full am't of goods bo't at that store since last Jan. coming up to \$65.79 cts. Came up to the meeting house, having first paid respects to J. Rogers lady & boy - Drove to S.D. Walbridge's were bo't $2\frac{1}{4}$ lbs rolls at $87\frac{1}{2}$ cts pr lb - bargained for a corser kind at $62\frac{1}{2}$ which he would forward us in a few days to be paid on presentation of his bill. Viewed cider mill on a new plan - new to me at any rate. Saw old uncle Crosier who said since he had formerly known me my looks had alrered very much. He also had grown old - a trait by no means singular among those who have seen 40 or 50 years. Recollect nothing further as to business abroad - nearly sunset when arrived here. Goods charged to H. Harwood pr Sanf'd & Brown \$17.20 Am't of cheese made during August 2485 lbs.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3 Fair & pretty warm - hazy sky - many signs of rain & the rain came on in the evening. Mr Getty & others were unlucky in regard to their oats which were out in the sheaf. With father attended State Election - voted Union Ticket & for J.S. Robinson

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in opposition to Anti-Masonic ticket & Jed Dewey for T. Representative. Very close election - upw'd of 600 ballots were given in - John S. rec'd majority of 11 or 13 - cant say exactly not having seen anyone who knew precisely the am't. Geo P. drew up load of refuse wood for B.R. Sears from Gen'l Robinson's woods - See Feb 12. Settled with M. Hurd for use of minister for which agreeably to his wish paid \$1. - See Jul 22 - Saw & spoke with a pensioner, formerly of this town, now a resident in the Black River country - Mr Leach - now ab't 78 yrs of age, smart & in good health. His son who formerly carried on the clothiers business at J. Hins dill's, 1819-20, had been dead from 2 to 4 years - believe his name was Lemuel. Got cous. Uel to fill blank note of \$50 for three months to Bennington B'k, which he signed conjointly with me - Presented the came to the Cashier who requested it might lie over till next day - done. Cashier seemed melancholy & cut down. Among numerous acquaintance saw & conversed awhile with Aaron Osborn who had not yet forgotten all his queer oddities. Spoke very favorably of Mr M. Hurd who had been of late very friendly to him - furnishing him with constant emplym't & good pay. I hate Masonry, but am not yet a Political Anti-Mason. Running to & fro to find U.M.R. made me late home. Genteel frost this m'g.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4 Warm wet weather - thund & light'g in the bargain.

We cut a quantity of 2d growth clover & gave it the cows green. As to weather would add that it was rainy only in the forept of the day - aftp't being pleas't, w'd S. P.M. we rode to A. Sherwood's to make inquiry respecting a pair of young oxen owned by a Mr Sweet - were informed that the man was a son-in-law of Mr S. - lived in White Creek beyond Hessian Hill - to distant to visit at so late an hour of the day - so we spent sometime conversing v'sry agreeably with the old gentleman & lady, viewed their cellar, their big house & other out buildings, all which we pronounced good & convenient. Came home by the Harmon & Vail road. Saw at the ore bed an immense quantity of ore which they contrived to wheel on a curious sort of waggon running on timbers placed like string pieces on a common bridge - narrow enough to recieve th wheels on either side - farther end being I should guess 20 ft high where they disch'd their l'ds by means of a trap door or drop or some such way. Halted in the street at Ben Fay's store where saw Gen'l Robinson, David Jr, Capt A. Hyde, J.S. Robinson, M.L. Selden, J.S. Robinson, Dam'l M. Robinson & perhaps some others. Mention was made of my father being the first living white inhabitant born in the town of Bennington. We reached home in season to assist at milking, from which we broken off by a heavy thunder storm which was not of long duration. Rec'd at the Bank 49 $\frac{1}{4}$ dollars for my 3 mo's note, little past 3 or say 2 o'clock P.M. Geo found useful employm't during our ride - could not specify anything more important than that he fenced off an offensive piece of ground water in the barn-yard into which 2 or 3 foolish cows were wont to retreat at milking time. Mr Solo Safford said to be very ill.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5 Contin'd remarkably warm & humid. Gave another mes of green clover to the cows, but strongly questioned the propriety of so doing. Plowing & scraping a piece of road by N. bank of Dry Brook made up the principal part of the day's work. B.W. Cardell conveyed in 1 h. wagg. Mrs Parsons & little Mary to Hoosick - Mrs P. 46 - Aug. 6

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 6 Good hayweather - well improved we presumed by farmers at late haying, getting up oats, rouen &c. We had about 800 hund. swamp hay cut & got in S. of the board fence against the S.W. quarter of S. meadow. B. Harwood visited his venerable friend Solo Safford whom he found in some measure better - but still quite feeble. Cats by the cider press were gathered & put in the barn. Rode with my lady to Mr Pool's at Aust H's James Clark place to view the dairy which we found to be superbly fine - consist'g of upwards of 200 cheeses, averaging 40 lbs a piece - spent some moments in conversing on dairying - came away with many expressions of regard given out by both parties - Called at Mr Daniels' - staid only 5 minutes or so - promised to vis. on a future day. Sylvanus at w'k for W. Haswell. Saw persons engaged in harrowing in rye just sown on the Old Scott farm. Saw U.M. Robinson talking with Aaron Norton on the green in front of Hicks' shed - paid him borrowed money \$5. Bo't of Phelps the silver-smith, 2 steel pens for 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - paid.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7 Pleas't, temperate with many wlds floating in the atmosphere. Father & Mother with Hopkins for coachman paid visits to Widow Webster & wid. Billing - the latter although very full of talk, yet appeared to be failing rapidly. Geo. P. mowed rouen in the N. Orch'd until noon - P.M. assisted with cart & oxen getting in oats & rouen for Mr Getty. I walked to Doolittle's mill & engaged their pat. beam for weighing cheese - saw letters curiously cut in pasteboard which A. Harwood had lately procured, handsomely executed. Visited the new shop of Maj L. Norton now being finished off, standing below Voluntine's premises. Capt O. Abell was there & talked with me respecting the water department &c. Called at Aus B. & Co's - asked respecting sugar - had sold out both sug & molasses so that they had nothing of the kind left - save a small supply of loaf sug. Came up past the find brick dwelling & woodshed lately erected by Calvin Gilson which appeared in considerable forw'dness. Adeline M. was absent forep't of the day in street. Mrs Street gave out she should soon go to the W. to visit a sister in that region.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8 Cool, cldy, moderately rainy a few hours of the morning. P.M. more pleas't. Time spent much in the usual way - mostly at writing. Looked in Adams' Roman Antiquities about construction of their houses, making glass, paper, parchm't, mode of writing &c &c. Lydia, Adeline, Geo & Hopk's heard preaching by Mr Hooker on the importance of strictly keeping the Sabbath. In the eve'g Adeline was accomp'd home by her friends S.S. Scott, Emily Blackmer & Cath. Dewey - two last very lively. Mrs Hulbert, only surviving sister of capt P Dewey, was at his house on a visit.

MONDAY, SEPT. 9 Temperate, cldy - S. wind making up rain for another day. Rouen was cut in N. orch'd and Nth mead. lds of the latter carried off to cows in pasture by Hopkins & Sibley boy. Ditching in S. mead by B. & G.P. Harwood. Rouen raked & cocked in part by H. Harwood & son assisted by the former gentlemen. Capt Heman Robinson rode past more than once - superintending the business of getting wood (in) from his father's woods - David Rockwood, one of the hands so employ'd - Geo W. Robinson chief teamster. Henry Warren was said to be on point of occupying

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the Brick Shop of Chatfield memory - Great fire in Troy of late. Dorlon's fine establishment nearly destroyed besides a number of elegant & valuable stores.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10 Warm rainy morning - S.w'd. seemed to threaten more rain tow'd eve'g - wind changed to N. or N.W. - cleared up cool by 10 at night. Ditching was contin'd - L'd rouen cut & given to cows. Hopk's & his friend W.Sibley went to pasture with it. Rouen hay in N.orch'd I was going to write was worked over, but it was not. Stove got in & fitted up - and in regard to the pipe much better & more safe than usual. Said stove had stood out of use exposed to the weather ever since last Spring.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11 Chilly, clds broken fly'g from N.W. Ditch contin'd, some of the way pretty laborious- Cheeses were most of them turned & rubbed. lds rouen conveyed to cows by Hopk's & me. Got time to assist at ditching. Hopkins & Adeline rode up street Called at the P.O. took out letter from W.E.Brayton in reply to mine forwarded many days since - stating what kind of dairy we had & inquiring prospects, prices &c. He was very brief.

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Mr Harwood - D'r Sir: I ought to apologize for not writing you sooner. I have had no time to attend to the cheese business this Fall and hardly know what the article is worth. I propose to look at a few dairies in this neighborhood this afternoon. If I purchase shall have to pay from 6 to 7 cts & probably a little higher for first rate. When I see Mr Smith will comply with your request

Yours resp'y (signed) W.E.Brayton

Father was ill late in the day - complained all day - but held on working until the sun approached the W.mountain very nearly and then went to the house. Forgot to state that on Tuesday that a certain Mr Powers of Troy, pedlar by occupation, called on us - dined - had horse baited - paid bill in goods - sold us 2 pr suspenders for 25 cts - Manners not the most refined - Was here over night I think in August 1832. This eve'g a bundle of N.Y.Spect's was gzthered up & placed in little desk. Play'd music on Germ. flute - sat up late writing.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12 Chilly - cldy most of the day - cleared up cold late P.M. Ditching was contin'd - unpleas't working thereat - Father & Geo mostly engaged in it. Cows fed with rouen - R. hay in N.orch'd attended to. Mrs Diadamia Waters, child & cous Em. Robinson were here on visit. Sent letter to P.O. addressed to W.E.Brayton Esq thanking him for his of the 7th inst - That it confirmed what I had already suspected to be true - that I had been to a dear school to buy wit - must look out for breakers hereafter. Mentioned the displeasure of a certain man at the conduct of another in like employment &c &c. Requested the name of an individual residing in a distant place -

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Father was still some unwell - able however to attend to business. Cows gave fine quantity of milk at night. Hopkins entered Academy under Mr D.S.Sheldon & Miss Foote.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 Fair & remarkably cold - fears of frost were entertained, but early in the eve'g the wind hauled round to the S.W. which allayed those fears. There was slight frost this morning. Ditching yet in progress. Large cheese made & entered under press. Elias B.Burton paid short visit here this P.M. Calculating soon to enter Freshman at Middlebury Coll. I was made acquainted with him by Miss A.M.H. Hopkins studied Arithmetic in the evening. I made attempt at reading Adams' R.Antiquities but soon fell asleep, nap being over improved some moments in writing. Mrs Street tarried the night with us - related much news respecting E.Vill. affairs. Mrs Sally Harwood was this day 40 years of age - had been a faithful helpmate to me ab't 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. Made a cheese that would weigh upwards of 80 lbs this day. As an index to some foolish reflections passing in my mind, turn to Aug. 25 near the bottom of the page. This is all vanity & vexation of spirit - worth nothing.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 Cold, clds ragged fly'g from N.W. Pretty bold frost in the morn'g, not however very killing. Ditching, conveying rouen to cows, having a quantity cut for Sunday morning & getting in Rouen hay in the N.orch'd made up the chief move'ts of the day. After seeing a large cheese snugly in the press, drove off for Hoosick with Mrs H. & son - Went by Irish Corner - called on & learned from the lady of D.Fuller - Chief cooper of Bennington, that the cheese casks were ready for us. Passed the Sherwoods and other great farmers over the hills to the Falls - where arrived I think past 4 P.M. All in good health except the lady of our cous. Henry who for a short time had suffered a good deal from sickness now getting well past. Among those apparently pleased at seeing us was our esteemed fr'd Mr Wight. Crossed over bridge to Gen'l Parsons Machine Shop where the usual regularity & industry appeared to prevail. He, Mr Parsons, accomp'd me to Tremont Factory where a wonderful exhibition of machinery was realized - all in harmonious operation - Saw Ellen & Jane Parsons there - Curiosity being in a measure gratified - recrossed the Bridge - made complimentary call on cousin Cornelius Stone & lady, who were well - saw too their eldest daughter, Mrs Dorr, at their house with her youngest in her arms - promised us a visit. Supped at cous. Henry's, Mr Wight being of the party. Mr Gibson & lady, late wid. John Chase, drove up in chaise, horse & silver tipp'd harness - alighted - came in - the women flew round enthusiastically - cordially kissing & shaking hands with almost every person she met in the house. I enjoyed a few mom'ts conversation with her husband which led me to form a very favorable opinion of him - invited him to call on us if he came to Bennington to which he agreed - returning the like compliment to me in case I should go to Poultney, Rutland Co., Vt. Said he had a brother living in Bennington (the former place). They were soon away, and so were we - stopping near the house of Mr Cross to take in friend Wight & trunk.

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Spoke with Mr Cross the Linguist - formerly knew him in his younger days when he resided in Shaftsbury, at his father's. His father I think died in June 1826 - in the military srose to the office of Major - Christian name Elihu - was at Burlington & Plattsburgh in 1812. We started a little before sunset, arrived here past 8, or about that hour. During our absence our cousins from the N.p't of the town had been down on a short visit. Capt Perez Harwood & his son Perez & ladies - also Mr Bar num, who tarried all night. Bo't of F. Blackmer large padlock & key - 1/6 & 1b coffee - 1/0 - all on book

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15 Temperate, some cldy. G.P., J.A.W., H.H.H., L. Harwood & Adeline M. were at church - heard preaching by A. Bingham. Our cousins Lucy Sears & her sister Annis Stone, arrived at H. Waters' on (Friday) Sat'y morn'g in the Albany Stage from Troy - were overturned in said stage a little N. of the City and Mrs Sears and others considerably hurt. They left Lockport, their place of residence, about 3 weeks since - friends all in usual health. We were all very glad to see & welcome them to our house. T.C. Parsons spent the latter part of the day here - talked about Greenville friends &c. Cous. N.L. Rob. paid \$5.09 on note - lately arrived from Boston - saw the City, Bridges, U.S. Shipping &c &c &c.

MONDAY, SEPT. 16 Fair in the main & cold or rather leaning that way. Cows rec'd fine mess of rouen. Geo went to D. Fullers' & bro't away 34 new & 1 old cheese casks - well made. I with my old lady rode away P.M. - borrr'd pat. bal. of Sanf'd & Brown which exchanged with Isahel ~~Doolittle~~ Harwood for Doolittle's which would weigh 1900 w't. Business carried me to J. Harwood's, whence bro't away leather Saw Ira B. Dewey in his wagg. loaded with 3 casks paint bound to Troy. As I came down the road tow'd S. Safford's took old Mr Rouse into the wagg. & bro't him as far as J. Rog's in the Village - here Mrs H. had tarried for me - we proceeded up street - landed her at Patchin & Co's where she bo't for Hopkins a cloak - bill on cr. am'td to ab't 2 dollars. Left Smellie's Phi. of Nat. History & Marg't Harwood's copy of Bennett's letters to be bound by S. Clark, who was not present - directed by writing. Returned to Patchins' - took in my passenger - saw & bargained to J.S. Robinson 3 or 4 bbls cider at \$1 - casks to be transported from his house - filled & returned by us. Called a mom't at H. Waters'. Made safe return before sunset. G. had got along with his big load of casks. Mr J. Cobb drove up soon & tarried the night. Geo. procured a copy of our Insurance Policy at the P.O. - had it out for examination. Friend W. & A.M.H. in a kind of frolick tore it accidentally. I let out on the poor girl for so doing, considering her the principal aggressor, but the sorm soon blew over - damage but trifling & of but little importance. Messrs C. & W't very sociable during evening mostly on College capers &c &c. Neigh'r Sibley drew wood for himself from major L. Norton's woods. Capt Heman Robinson & Doct. Rockwood drew stone from his father's patrimony adjoining this farm, for building an arch in which he set a large kettle. Gave Mrs Harris an order of \$3 on Hinsdill & Swift.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17 Fine & warm like summer - Nailing hops of cheese casks, weighing the same & other preparatory deeds & casking cheese

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constituted the main employm't of G.P. & H. Harwood. A bill of up'd \$21 was taken up in goods furnished on cr. by J.W. Cobb, including silver mounted spectacles & Morocco case at \$2. Whole am't due him first Jan 1834, say \$35.79. Great influx of visitors. Miss A. Stone & Lydia rode to Pow'l Mount'n & returned with our worthy cousin Miss Duncan. Previous to their arrival Deacon Levi Smedley appeared with a hack l'd of cousins whose names follow - Old Mrs Smedley - her 2 daughters Mrs Bridges, Miss Annis & Eliza & Julia, daughters of Levi S. Jr Besides these Mrs Melinda Dorr & infant waited upon by her son Joseph drove up. The young man appeared to be very uneasy - enjoyed his visit but indifferently - They started for Hoosick, 4 P.M. Mrs D. is a grand-daughter of our late aunt Rhoda Stone - a former resident in the village of Hoosick F's. All hands, excepting the 3 last mentioned persons of the Wms' town cousins, tarried the night here. Father was out of health but able to be about - conveyed rouen to cows - waited upon cousins &c. Mr Wight made preparation for going to Billstown - Paid him \$10 in full for his services in haying. He cut rouen & painted figures on casks, for doing which he procured paint in the morning as he went up street. Improved the forepart of the eve'g conversing with Mrs D. & cousins Lucy & Annis - They returned compliments for my letter to them. See Dec'r 1832.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18 Rained a good deal - foggy & warm - clds from S.

Proceeded forward with the business of the 17th.

Mr Wight lent a hand at painting again. Late P.M. he started on foot for Billstown. Mr L. Smedley read to us in the m'g a part of the 119th Psalm - made some very appropriate remarks in support of Christian Faith and prayed fervently. Continued visiting with us until 11 o'clock & then departed with his lady & daughter Mrs Bridges for H. Waters' where they were to dine & subsequently to go to Capt P. Harwood's & tarry the night. We should have made an end of casking cheese but for a mistake made in my bill to the cooper wherein many of the casks were ordered too small - so that we had to suspend the business entirely. 103 cheeses were put up in 18 casks - weighing 7519 lbs - errors excepted. Spent much of the eve'g very pleasantly conversing with cousins.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19 Rainy & warm until past noon - contin'd warm & cldy

all day. Took a quantity of bassw'd boards, drove in the rain to Dan'l Fuller's where they made for us 5 cheese casks of large size - 22 x 23 inches over - Dined & supped with Mr F. & family - was accommodated very generously - Left stuff enough to make 7 casks more & paid \$1.25 in full for those mentioned above. Saw our friend Lucius Gibbs whose daughter was this morning married to Mr Norman Harvey, house joiner & carpenter, formerly one of the hands of H. Waters. During the time I was waiting for my casks perused a long article in the N.Y. Spect'r copied from a British Tory Magazine making a sort of satirical puch at Mr Rust

1833 for writing his late book on his mission to Eng'd in 1819 - conversations & remarks on what he saw among the great &c. as well as his visit as a private gent. 1829 Disliked the drift of the writer altogether, believing Mr Rush to be a good man & one capable of writing a good book on the subject on which he had so recently published one - Left umbrella - Got home between 7 & 8 in the evening - Heard of the death of wid. Bulah Billing who dropped away very suddenly on the 18th at noon in her 89th year. She was almost the last of the Revolutionary matrons remaining among us. Father & Geo P. threshed wheat together. Mr Smedley and people called on their way from P. Harwood's - dined & drove home. Warm weather very detrimental to dairying - cheese fell away remarkably.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20 Sour, warm cldy - rained slightly in the morning.

Milk which had been kept over night soured - curds were so likewise - consequently a sour cheese was the result. We finished casking & weighing our cheese of which there were 22 casks - 126 cheeses - 9161 lbs - at $6\frac{1}{2}$ cts pr lb amt'd to \$594.97" - See Oct 1 1832 Weighed with Doolittle's establishm't, very accurately too in my opinion Accompl'd father to the funeral of Mrs Billings, which was not very numerously attended - Mr Hooker made very appropriate remarks on the occasion. The neighbors & friends of the deceased pretty generally attended. Previous to service, wrote at Sanf'd & Brown's a line to Caleb Brown of Williamstown giving notice of the readiness of cheese for delivery - that I was still of the opinion that I could have obtained 7 cts pr lb for my dairy - that I understood he was offering that price & could not effect purchase at that. As I stepped out to carry it to the P. Office was hailed by my friend Southworth of Williamstown who had called at our house to see about the concern mentioned above - I was glad to see him & fully explained to him my feeling in regard to the transaction with Brown - He told me he perused my letter of complaint - was sorry it was so - if B. had deceived me he was wrong - possibly might make up something to me - told him I did not believe he ever would - he endeavored to comfort me by saying that one hundred years would make it all right. Informed me of B's buying dairies of 8000 at \$7. Gave notice to him that I had casks for sale. He engaged passage in the W. stage for ~~M. Adams~~ 4 Corners. In front of the meeting house after service saw Capt Park Brown who complained of illness by reason of injury rec'd in falling from load of hay - in his neck which was painful - he conversed with Col Merrill - Capt B. & lady 2d wife were up from C't on visit. In the Grave y'd stood near my friends L. Jewett and John Norton who appeared in good health. Conversed in the evening with our ~~for~~ cousins.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21 Cloudy warm morning - sour cheeses - grew cooler as the day passed off. A quantity of wheat which was threshed out on Friday was winnowed & prepared for sowing - corn cut up &c. Hiram Waters employed Joseph N. Hinsdill, Surveyor, to run out the land which he a few months since purchased of S.H. Brown, being a part of what is called the Street Lot. Father went up to assist in designating corners - old landmarks &c. Rich'd Carpenter & Wm Ault went on to assist in surveying. Capt P. Dewey & his sister, Mrs F. Hurlburt, called upon us a short time during the middle p't of the day. They dined with us and we found Mrs H. a fine

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sociable, intelligent, agreeable woman - about 58 years of age - belonging to the town of Trenton, N.Y. - herself & brother being the only survivors of all the family of the Rev'd Jed'h Dewey, first pastor of the Cong. Church in Bennington. He died in Dec'r 1778 in his 65th year. His youngest son, our friend the capt. was born in Jan the same year. While he was here he walked round to view the barns, watering establishm't &c. with which he appeared well pleased. After their departure Mr John Steel came up for a load of cheese for Caleb Brown - Rec'd 5 cask which made him up little more than one ton - those casks were crossed out on the bill - Sylvanus Daniels who had just before arrived, assisted at loading. Late in the day my friend Stebbins D. Walbridge came down with a few woolen rolls previously engaged - these & those we had rec'd already amtd to \$3.12 which was promptly met besides paying \$1. tow'd bull. S.D. appeared very cheerful & sociable - seemed to think much of the power of conscience - not altogether as a preventive against the commission of immoral deeds, but as an awakener, a tormentor to evil doers - to these great bargainers. His moral remarks I deemed very just See June 15 & Sept 2. Arrived in the eve'g from H. Falls, Henry Parsons & lady in good health. I slept too much to be sociable in the evening. In the course of said eve. calculated the shrinkage on 10757 lbs gr che cheese from 11th April to first Sept & found it to exceed 1100 lbs and the difference between selling it green as some did at 6" & keeping it as we had ours - left us \$6½ only ab't \$11 to boot. Heman Robinson's boys & team, Rockwood & others, drove past here during the day.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22 Pleas't & cool. Most of our people weh t to Church father & mother excepted. Mrs Sears & her sister Annis went to Pownal with the lady of Dewey Duncan who had lately arrived from the West. Cousin Henry & wife went to E. Village yo visit with Mr Holmes' - returned in the evening and tarried over night - Seth Ed'd was of the party. Cousin N.L. Robinson called late P.M. paid me in full \$1. I wrote out a very full bill of Caleb Brown's cheese - with accompanying remarks - something on the soliciting plan, but in plain blunt terms, a copy of which is preserved in some of my old Jour'l Vol's. Henry, his lady, Adeline & her mother & G.P. paid visit at Mr Kent's. Saw Henry & Eliza Warren's child.

MONDAY, SEPT. 23 Very fine fair day. Father & Geo P. worked at cutting up corn which they finished in the upper field. Returned Doolittle's Balances - conveyed grain which was mostly ground Pitts Godfrey was there & related hard stories respecting a very hard man. Bro't from the mill Dr Swift's Balances which were left at Sanf'd & Brown's. Came home with mother who had staid at H. Waters' while I was gone to mill. Assisted some at binding corn in bundles aft getting home. This m'g cous. H. Parsons left for Hoosick with his establishm't. Paid him to be handed to his mother for making roundabout for Hopkins, \$1.25

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24 Pleas't, fine for business. Corn carted off the field - potatoes dug - corn bound in stocks standing in the orch'd or if this was not done, potatoes were dug & deposited in barn. Cousins Lucy & Annis were bro't from Pow'l by Lydia

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On the 24th the cheese was nearly all carried off - Main part on Monday Last load this day. Wrote letter to cousin Sam'l Robinson Jr to make enquiry on a certain subject. The bearer belonged in Hoosack - Lewis Wright. Talked with cousins this evening. Cousin Dewey Duncan from Scipio, N.Y., accomp'd by his son Myron, a promising youth of 11 yrs of age - called upon us late in the morning - made short tarry & went on to his mother's. Lydia waited upon cousins Lucy & Annis from Pow'l Mountain, P.M. toward sunset. Miss Betsey Street came over from S.H. Brown's awhile P.M. With Geo & Hopkins walked to Major L. Norton's in the evening - Major absent on collection business in dist't towns. As we came up the road Geo & Hopkins visited Mr Getty & Elihu Wright - rec'd promise of a team on the morrow to assist at plowing.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25 War, w'd S., rain looked for. Geo with oxen & young Burlison with horses plowed upper corn field ready for sowing. Cows let into N. mead. Board fence by N.W. corner old barn done up - Corn set up & c & c. Ladies rode up street - John W. Cobb, travelling merch't, put up with us this eve'g. Ira B. Dewey came to see cousins. We viewed map of N.Y. Conversed with Mr Cobb respecting McAdam R'd building this side Troy - he spoke highly of the Gr'd Caravan now passing through the country - their lion & elephant were superb noble looking animals, worth going to see. I was made miserable by such reflections are noticed Sept. 13 near conclusion of that day.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26 High wind from S. bro't on very warm souring air which proved very bad for the cheese interest as managed by us. Some time in the night rained, thund'd & lightened - one heavy clap loud as a 6 lb'r - struck a tree somewhere on the farm of Sam'l H. Brown, as I was informed. Mr Cobb this morning opened his packages and made a gen'l display of his goods. Mother purchased calico for gown, shawl. & c. to am't of upw'd of \$6. He was off in the morning. Our cousins were conveyed to Hoosick in 1 h. wagg. accomp'd by my eldest sister & Hopkins. They had paid us a very welcome, social visit & we were unwilling to part with them so much did we prize their endearing company - but so it is that relatives & friends who get together from a distance, must, after enjoying a few happy days, return to their domestic concerns. They meant to make short halt in Hoosick and then depart for Troy where they would embark on one of the Line boats for Lockport. This P.M. we received the company of our respected friend Asa Doty & lady - the former almost two years older than myself - Took much satisfaction in conversing with him. He accomp'd me into the cow pasture to bring the cows down at night. The visit was short but every way agreeable - Mentioned factories in Adams breaking down - that is factory establishments which started on false capital, by which means he was afraid of being a loser of about \$1500., or at best could not expect to realize anything from that quarter for a long time. They left for N Bennington at sunset. Mrs Sears, my cousin, had drawn up a wrong conclusion respecting her age, supposing herself too young by one year - Born December, 1780 - her youngest sister Annis sometime in 1785. ~~What~~ Wheat harrowed in nicely - had horses of Getty P.M. - grain sown by father.

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Our Hoosick team arrived before dark, reported that Miss Marcia Ann Parsons, eldest daughter of S. Parsons Esq., was to be married this evening to a Mr Ball, cousin of her mother, a young man of fortune residing in the neighborhood. Great preparation was going on in preparation for the wedding which would probably cost between 2 & 300 dollars. H Parsons said he wished he could see me - would satisfy me that I had sold well. I was now prepared to care no more for it - it was a flat move - let it pass as such - press ahead & try to hit better next time.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 Was noble day for business - some high gusts N. wind
Corn cut up in C's orch'd - some wheat threshed by B. Harwood - corn mostly b'd in bundles - S.W. Daniels came down at the conclusion of the day - supp'd with us - talked of the intended cattle speculation next spring - enquired what cows we were going to sell this fall - talked over a good many things. I was at the horse stable of Sam'l H. Brown this morning where saw Capt P. Brown, Mr Getty, S.H.B., & E. Wright. Capt B. said he would call on us previous to his return to Connecticut - getting better of his rheumatism.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28 Warm, cldy - high S.E. w'd, rain looked for. Clark's orch'd cleared of corn & potatoes. Geo commenced plowing there. Or W. Daniels arrived this morning with salt & hoop iron from Troy, bro't by his friend Hallenbeck. Bo't of O & A Arnold 8 bbls T.I'd salt & 1 sack fine do - the former at 5, the latter at 17/0 Y'k \$7.13 $\frac{7}{8}$ paid. The h. iron was purchased at Kellogg's at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ amt'd to \$2.55 - paid. I wrote the Arnold's that the debt due them was fresh in my memory, but was unwilling now to pay it - gave strong assurance of paying it at last - Such was the import of said line. To E. & W. Carpenter addressed another, going to show that I should perform my engagement to them as soon after the first of Jan'y as possible. Mr Boon of Berlin (who came here to visit, with his wife, Miss Susan Rhodes, his lady's sister - July 1829 - came with O.W. Orr'n immediately departed The articles were good, and at reasonable prices. The cows contin'd feeding in N. mead. Average w't of cheese from the press, 69 lbs. Adeline M. Harwood this day received entered her 18th year, visited at uncle Sam's.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29 Pretty warm - w'd high from S. B. Harwood, G.P.,
Miss Lydia & Hopkins went to meeting. I penned a few pages of Revolutions in Europe, concerning Napoleon's good days, 1806, 7-8-9. H. Waters made short call with his friend Rood. Our fr'd T.C. Parsons paid his respects to us - talked much of the late Mr Dan'l Conklin who was a noted Tanner in Rensselaerville, N.Y., died at Albany in June last - about 68 years of age - leaving to his children about \$90,000. For his lady made but slight provision. Adeline came to meeting from uncle S. Robinson's. The cheese of this day was larger than those made a few days preceding. A Scotch Clergyman preached to Mr Hooker's parishoners - spoke Scotily - named Gordon. W. Daniels breakfasted with us this morning - going with horse & waggon to Pownal after his mother. My head was wrong for much reading. Big Caravan talked of by every one.

MONDAY, SEPT. 30 Fine - curious for sowing grain - and so improved
by us - sent to Graves' - procured a pair of Dr Swift's oxen - borrowed yoke, harrow & plow of neigh

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bor Getty, by which means made up 2 teams. Clark's orch'd by night was ploughed, sown with wheat & completely harrowed over. Cheese made 28th Sept weighed 74 lbs. Warren Sibley cut $\frac{1}{4}$ coran stalks for his father, came where we were at at work. No. lbs cheese in Sept 2197.

TUESDAY, OCT. 1 Fair morning, windy & chilly from S.E. in the aft. noon - very high w'd at night attended with rain. We entered upon digging potatoes in the S. mead. See first of Noy last. Crop extremely light, 3 hands worked nearly all day to get 25 bbls. Cheese of Sept 29 weighed 77 lbs. Mother visited the house of H. Waters to know how our sister's Duadamia's scaled foot got along - bro't an unfavorable report. Very drowsy this eve'g, tried some to read Revolutions in Europe. H. Waters was now having wood chopped on his Street lot, chiefly by Harry Warren. H.W. felt wonderfully pleased to think what a great day's work he had flatter'd or hoaxed out of his man Rood, at chopping.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2 Rained during all the morning pretty powerfully - contin'd cloudy till the end of the day - grew cool. Much rain had fallen. A quantity of provender was put up, conveyed to D' mill by me accomp'd by Hopkins. Saw S.L. Godfrey & conversed with him much upon his taking the farm of Ephraim Smith Esq during the year beginning in April 1809 to April 1811, by which he thought he lost through the avaricious management of his landlord from 2 to 300 dollars of his hard earnings. S.H. Brown came there with a 2 h. wagg. having his black 3 yr (old) old colt harnessed by the side of an experienced horse, took off 2 bbls flour. Called on the lady of J. Harwood to leaven when he would come to our house to make shoes. She said he was at Mr Weeks' & would enter upon our concern as soon as he had finished there. Came back to the mill - saw Stephen Pratt - heard him give directions how to proceed trapping bears - could decoy the most crafty among them if the right course were pursued. Came home by way of the old distillery where made call, letting Hopkins go home with mare & wagg. Wanted to see cousin S. Harwood who it was expected would be there putting up tubs &c. - but he had not appeared there during the day, much to the disappointm't of my fr'd J. Norton who stood in gr't need of him. J. & his man Sibley were busy in regulating affairs in this establishment. After they shut up for the sake of conversation walked with my old friend up the road leading tow'd E. Village to the lane leading over to the Col Safford house. Met Jonas F. Billing in his wagg. accomp'd by his nephew John B. Smith, eldest son of Noah S., now on a visit with his mother the once handsome ~~his~~ Miss Fanny Billing, married about 30 years since to the afores'd Noah - Removed in Feb'y 1807 to Malone, St L. Co., N.Y. Crossed over to the main road accomp'd by our friend Getty who cheered me with many musical anecdotes. Had a part at milking altho' it was late.

THURSDAY, OCT. 3 Chilly & cldy, N. wind. Resumed digging potatoes. Sears & Waters sent on a number of loads of apples from the Andrew's orch'd. I went over to see if cousin Stephen could be found at the distillery - but failed - went to the cider house - and was told by friend John that he had not been there - Sibley & J.F. Billing were present - the latter stated that his sister & nephew had started for Malone this morning - Previous to

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visiting down that way had Esq Bates busy in N.Norton's orch'd. Norman & Cone in gunsmith's shop erecting small chimney - and major L.Norton heating his stone kiln to burn bricks & some ware - some conversation was had on his removing works to Algiers, hiring out his farm &c. For the last seemed to think he ought to received \$500 annually - A dairy man talked of taking it. Cheese of Oct 1 weighed from the press 80 lbs

FRIDAY, OCT. 4 Contin'd chilly & cldy, sun went down clear. Digging potatoes yet - Warren Sibley assisted, as he did ~~on~~ the 3d, but not to any gr't am't. Sears & Waters it was understood had nearly or quite done bringing on apples for the present. Cousin N.L. Robinson on the 3d gathered wint. app's in Litt. mead - left his mother with us who staid over night - went away sometime during the A.M. All hands shaved in the eve'g preparatory to going to view the Caravan on the morrow.

SATURDAY, OCT. 5 Chilly, large frost in the m'g - there were signs of approaching rain. Completed digging potatoes in S. mead. a little before noon. Hopkins staid out of school - assisted in getting up the old mare which he harnessed ready for action - assisted some in digging potatoes - Dewey Duncan with his lady & son came down from Pow'l for a visit - cousin Electa was of the party. Most of our family excepting mother & Lydia, the last being at H.Waters', & Mr D. and son went to view the animals of the caravan. I would like to go into particulars respecting this concern were I fitted for it - perhaps at a future leisure hour something of this may be attempted. The elephant, lion, lioness, royal tiger, bear, buffalo & perhaps some others were noble animals of their kind. Saw & conversed very spiritedly with my friend L.Jewett on the transaction of Aug. 15. Among others there was our fri⁸d Mr Pool maker of the Harmon dairy - conversed with him awhile - said himself & H. had resolved not to say much about it if they had undersold. Spent much time with Maj L.Norton. Those whom I knew & recollect seeing were - E.Fillmore, Capt A.Robinson, N.L.Robinson, Wm Haswel Esq., Hon. I.Tichenor Esq, F.Blackmer & lady, H.Waters, Smith Edgerton & I presume his lady, Demas Robinson, Dan'l Fuller, Hon. O.C.Merrill, S.W & Norm Daniels, Capt P.Dewey & lady, Stephen Dewey, Aaron Robinson Esq, Cha's Walbridge, Mrs M.Buck of Pow'l, Benj R.Sears, with his mother, lady & others of his family, Saff'd Robinson, Jac.Brooks, Sam Brooks, Benj & Colv'n & Jenn't Fay, Tho's & Reub Kent, Isaac Cole, Asa Doty & lady, Aaron Norton, Hiram Blackmer &c &c. Spent the P.M. principally in the Big Tent - afternoon left and rode home a part of the way with J.F.Billing in his one horse wagg - hill N. of Sam'l H.Brown's ugly & dangerous because they had been blasting the rock & left it in an unfinished state. Our cousin S.Duncan with wife & son tarried over night.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 S.w'd, rain was looked for - hazy. Young H.Parsons & his cousins Ruth & Sally Mariah tarried over night here - and after Hopkins had ret'd from conveying to Pown'l cous. D.Duncan & consort & son, why by the bye had visited with us very agreeably, conveyed those young people up street - were members of Bennington Academy. Those who went to church from our house were, Geo., Lydia, Adeline & Hopkins - Mr Hooker preached hard to Church members A.M. P.M. on Christian Benevolence. Having attended to

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usual domestic concerns, walked across lots to L. Jewett's & enjoyed 2 or 3 hours in conversation. L. had been lately to Manchester attending court as witness for Willard Bates, but what it was concerning I know not. On the road toward home, Levi being with me, met Mrs Susan Dewey in 1 h. wagg with her son John, to whom she introduced me - I mentioned seeing him with his father in front of the Court House, Sept 1822, in time of the races - Looked smart - visited in Rochester, N.Y. - now 24 years of age - Levi came with me to the school house - walked in & examined her - pronounced her in very bad condition - prospect of Winter School dark indeed - parted with my fr'd - came up to Maj L. Norton's - procured Sept papers up to the 30th. President's Address on Removal of Deposits of U.S. from U.S. Banks to the State B's in that of Sept 26. Cows turned into S. mead. this morning. Visited J.S. Robinson, eve'g - H. & Dav'd Rob - Jas Hubbell, were there.

MONDAY, OCT. 7 Fair & fine, warm. Digging potatoes E of the house where the yield was nobly large - planted 14th June constituted main business. Cattle in mischief m'g.

TUESDAY, OCT. 8 Really rainy, A Quantity of wint, wheat furnished threshed - timber for cow bows cut - Nothing very special going on.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9 Rainy during the early part of the day, faired off in a degree P.M. Preparations for gathering fruit were made - Father & Geo P. were empl'd in Litt. mead. applying. Rode with wife & Adeline to H. Waters' - no - they rode & I walked thither - the latter st'd I rode with the former to D's mill - Returned to the Centre Bo't of L. Patchin & Co 1 G. Molass & 3 vorn baskets, one of which held but 1 bhl, the others 1½ apiece - Ms 42, Bask'ts \$1.75 At Sanf'd & B's bo't but one doz tin pans for milk, 12 qt, at 40" apiece - to return any that would not prove good & get others in their stead. All said goods at both houses were booked. Late eve'g perused Presidents Address.

THURSDAY, OCT. 10 Chilly, S. wd cldy, smart rain late in the day cleared up cld - Apples in S. mead. were gathered. G.P. & self went to drive away Maj L. Norton's cattle which came down into the Grove as we call it. Our ladies visited Mrs Sibley - Adeline, her grand mother & mother formed the party. Henry Warren, wife & child entered the old Brick Shop as resident's this day. No more cheese to be made on the Brown contract after date - Quantity made since the 1st inst inclusive up to this day green w't lbs 733.

FRIDAY, OCT. 11 Frosty morn. pretty fair. Say ab't 40 bhl wint apps were gath'd. Adeline M. Harwood rec'd the company of Eliza Getty, Rhoda Sibley & M.A. Daniels. Took colt over to Sam H. Br's to be pastured awhile - seemed to be worth more by comparison with S.H. colts than we had supposed him to be - from 35 we raised to 45 or \$50. Getty offered in jesting manner \$27½ for him.

SATURDAY, OCT. 12 Ground slightly frozen again - very tedious S. wind cldy, rained harshly late in the day. Too cold to work among app's so father, G.P. & Hopk's got in a parcel of bundles unhusked corn & spent the day chiefly in husking in new barn. I was off in wagg. to procure someone to make up cider on shares. Called at J. Norton's Distillery, saw J. himself who told me the excellent regulation under which he was going to run his distillery - not a drop to be retail ed to drunkards on any acc't, none to be drank there by those who rec'd brandy in paym't for cider. I approved much of his scheme. S. Har'd had not been near him yet.

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G't Hellen of Hoosick was there unloading cider - supposed his brandy would be worth 75" pr G. by next spring. Cider by first of Feb. such as he should manufacture would bring \$2. pr bbl, only have it tempered rightly, by which he meant strengthehing it with a due mixture of brandy. Temperance folks would like it so much the better. I proceeded to grist mill & got wheat flour, gr'd since Wednesday. Heard news of loss of money by the hand of F.W. Coffin who was entrusted with \$1250 to deliver at Farmer's Bank, Troy, N.Y. - various flying reports - nothing to be depended on exactly. Bo't at Aust. B. & Co's 4 lbs sug 40", bkd. Would say at the mill saw a youngish man from N.W. p't of Hoosick with a load of corn which he sold at 80" pr bhl - said his name was Jonathan Mosely if I rightly recollect - fruit very plenty in that section - but little valued by owners - lived 3 miles this side Buskirk's Bridge. Near A.B. & CO's store saw & bargained with Joel R. Thomas for 100 rennets at 8" apiece - came home - dined - left grist, rec'd short visit from H. Waters who was unwell - sold him the bucksaw which was purchased one day last spring at L.P.'s store for \$1.25. Started with H.W. to go up St't - parted from him against his house - proceeded up the hill - turned round J.R. Jr's corner - met W. on S.W. Daniels with l'd provision stuffs for W. Haswell who with his family had lately taken up his abode in the house called the Pickett house - formerly occupied by Dr M J. Lyman & family - Gen'l Henry Robinson to take possession of the dwelling lately the property of W. Haswell, many years since owned & occupied by Mr Roach, who at that time pursued the tailoring business - taking th the direct road to White C. picked up Jay Ballard's boy of 13 & conveyed him to the edge of the Henderson woods - sat him down - drove to D. Fuller's, halted & obtained the umbrella which was left there Sept 19. Came round to Hinsdill's & Swift's - bo't of them on cr 10 lbs br sug at 10⁰⁰/₁₀₀ & 2 lbs ordinary tea at 42". Ed H. said he did not believe that Coffin had purloined the money - he had not got the nerve for it. After leaving there overtook a daughter of C. Walbridge who rode with me up to the Haynes corner - said her father tended paper mill day & night at \$7 pr week - consid'd himself doing well - I went to the house of my friend Thomas, saw his father, his uncle Ira Haynes and Mrs G. - the rennets were forthwith bro't forward in good order, but failed in number - more having been sold than he was aware of when he saw me in Alg's & besides he was under a wrong impression when he said I might take them at \$8 pr cwt, but if, after all, I should insist upon it that that should be the price, he would cheerfully acquiesce. His regular price had been 1/0 Yk I told him I would not hold him to his first engagement - asked him if he could afford them a little under his retail price - in reply said he would charge but \$5 for 46 - which I tool all in prime order - to be pd in butter during the ensuing Dec'r. He complimented me by saying he did not believe I were such a man as to take the advantage in a case like this. I didn't believe it either - as it now stood - it was the best bargain I ever made in that article. Looked at a pair of oxen he was feeding and and at a cow which he was serving in like manner - joked with maj. H., came home in rain storm - S.E. wind

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Coming up from E.Vill. a man of temperate habits, as I took him to be, hailed me to get himself & trunk conveyed up to A.Haswell's - granted. Said he was a wheelwright, had been in the employm't of the Rouse's a few days, was going by stage to Lansingburgh, N.Y. Offered a good deal on the money affair - rather tho't C. had not got it - viewed his conduct to be suspicious - Landed my man at H's according to order. All delighted vastly with Mr Wights letter & poetry.

SUNDAY, OCT. 13 Amazingly wet - great cold rain falling all day. Nobody from our house went to church. The friendly communication which I rec'd at the P.O. from our valued friend J.A.Wight favored by the politeness of Mr Aus Harm'n Jr was by us esteemed a fine treat. In his letter he talked to us as familiarly & frankly as if he had stood in the midst of us - and his poetry was so descriptive as to bring things into view which we had never witnessed, as properly & conspicuously as if painted on canvass. To this I was all day & more than that employed in drawing up, in my coarse way, a reply. In the night I composed a separate thing which afterwards I thought best not to forw'd During the pres't term had not enjoyed himself quite as well as formerly Algebra very hard - otherwise going on very well - had an agreeable chum - located in a pleas't apartm't &c. Gave notice of Mrs Mary A. Mathers having become a mother. Previous to executing the aforementioned letters, another to Albert Rudd, Stillwater, N.Y., respecting colt & bull was made out - signed, sealed & next day lodged in the P.O. - the nature of the weather led to hypochondrical affections which it is useless to dwell upon.

MONDAY, OCT. 14 Whiffling winds, chilly like Fall. Rode E. on business - John Harwood would be here on Monday - at new furnace saw them "cast". Hiram Ray who with his brother was engaged at carpentry said he would have of us 10 bhls wint app's at 1/0 deliv'd at our house. At E.Lyons consulted with my friend L. on letting him cows or beef on his demand against me for lumber, but he could not accommodate in that manner - had lately lost 2 horses out of his teams - heavy losses - See May 2d - Saw my colored friend who used to bring us lumber last spring, in good spirits, engaged in scraping road or preparing for it. Also in the bar room there was our old friend Reub Wickwire who in lieu of saying anything of money, joked L. a little on his losing horses and mentioned being employed in digging cellar for Horace Deming's house to be built at the expense of Sanf'd on the new Seminary road or street - cellar bottom composed of clay - very wet, bad digging. Many now tho't C. must have secreted the Bank money. Returned to the center - visited the house of B.R.Sears - zealously engaged in finishing off his new kitchen, wood house &c. promised to fix barn & cider-press, cider mill &c on Saturday next. The hands there were Henry Robinson, Sam'l L.Fay, Norm Daniels & Ol Hollister. Came home, took p't gathering wint. apples.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 Tolerably pleas't. Cows admitted into Little Mead. Apples were gathered for Mr Ray - corn husked for hogs &c. On Monday eve'g forgot to mention going to Mr Jewett's to see about his going to Williamstown - said he should not go the pres't week work much in rear - E.Fay Jun was there - likewise 3 hands, boarders, employed in blasting fluxing rock for Furnace Co. Mr F. disapproved of going to see animals as we had done on the 5th inst - said it was as bad as horse racing. So kept my letters - came up to Maj L.Norton's, visited awhile, took papers & with Geo P. came home in wagg.

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16 S.wd, cldy, storm of rain rising, came on in the evening. Three lds app's gathered in young orch'd. Geo. Hopkins & girls went to Ballou's Exhibition. Everybody was rejoicing to think Mr Coffin was innocent in regard to the lost money. By means of a young man of color it was ascertained that a bundle of something was picked up by Mr Reuben Wickwire on the morning that Mr Coffin started for Troy, in the highway this side his house. Proper arrangements being made Mr C. went & recovered out of W's hands all the lost money consisting of \$1200 as I am informed, but there was a \$25 check which I do not much understand the why's & wherefore's of, that was destroyed - Sd money was triumphantly returned to the Bank. Mr W. was about dividing or had divided it with his son Heman, who was shortly to start off for Canada. This dishonest course will probably result in the ruin of Mr W & son - the former being now nearly 60 yrs of age - never respected as honest & always suspected to be dishonest. Two long letters were forwarded by Mr Lyman to Mr Wight - in one of these the recovery of the money was mentioned - also the news of the death of Mrs M.A. Mather - which was quite shocking to us. There was likewise a scheme set on foot that I have not time now to detail.

THURSDAY, OCT. 17 Very rainy, unpleas't, melancholy, gr'd very spongy - deep mud - I mistake - Did not rain much until eve³/₄ ning. App's were gathered in the upp. orch'd. Mrs Sears & daughter - in-law Mary Ann came down on a visit. On the 14th inst Mrs S. Dewey and her youngest sister Mrs Howe (House) called on Mother and made a short tarry - the former was about to leave town for Rochester, N.Y. Must go back to (Tuesday) Wednesday & write that neighbor Sam'l Chandler was employed ab't half a day in setting 13 hhd hoops & 1 bbl do. It was executed at this establishm't - let him have 3 bhls app's on acc't.

FRIDAY, OCT. 18 Cold, vldy, blue. Various small affairs were looked after. Geo P. went up St't got 221 ft boards at Benj F. Fay's on book at \$1 pr hund - many smaller errands were executed bro't home barn door sash from B.R. Sears' & c & c. The cows being turned again into the old summer pasture - father spent an hour or two in repairing maj. Luman's fence & some parts of our own on the confines of sd pasture. Tow'd the close of the day soft mud & manure was hoed into heaps. Cous. N.L. Robinson spent the eve'g & night with us. Reported that Mrs S. Dewey was overset in the stage near Wadsworth's in the night of Wednesday last & broke her arm.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19 Cold, wd N., hazy, blasts of chilly wind pretty frequent. Digg'g potatoes completed. Computed whole am't at 200 bhls the pres't season. Agreed with cous. Nathan to carry a line to D. Fuller directing how to make 7 cheese casks which when ready would pay for with money which I furnished, & deliver here. For sd service we would pay in wint. app's. Hopkins worked with us a part of the day. Elihu Wright drew wood in waggon from Maj Luman's land for Henry Warren. Tho's Kent had oxen & cart to get wood from the soil of Gen'l Robinson for himself.

SUNDAY, OCT. 20 Snowed on mountains, snow'd & rained together in low gr'ds most of the day. Geo P. with Lydia, Adeline & Hopkins attended preaching by Mr Hooker. I was employed about dairying, reading papers & writing Jour'l. Geo perused John Newton in the evening

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MONDAY, OCT. 21 Rained much all the forepart of the day, cldy & foggy to the end. Cous. Henry Robinson & Oliver Hollister were sent on by B.R. Sears to repair cider press & vat, the last was set up in due order & form. Also the barn was to be finished as originally designed. (Cous. G. made up a quantity of cow bows) This should be under 22d/

TUESDAY, OCT. 22d Contin'd very rainy nearly the whole day - most unusually wet & muddy. Barn finished by cousin Henry & young Hollister, window over the big doors amply fixed in & guarded by 3 length of wire on the inside against fowls disposed to fly against it. Fire was kept in the dairy room. 40 sheaves rye threshed. Bows made by G.P. Were visited by Ira B. Dewey who made inquiry for an axe left here last spring, could not be found, if finally lost we should be obliged to pay therefor. Very inconv't making cheese at this time - cheeses growing less rapidly - weighed 20th 72 lbs, weighed 22d would say 21st 61 lb, Wed (Tues) Oct 23. Comparatively pleas't after so long a storm but the wd blew up very chill from the S. or S.W. Chas Sears & D. Rockwood Jr after the mill was fitted up by O. Hollister, commenced making cider for Waters & Sears. Oliver also fitted in a new bed timber under the W. end of the press, the planks of which he assisted in laying down & key'g together, all well made, ready for business by about noon. Geo assisted Chas Sears & D. Rockwood Jr at their business by laying cheese for them. J. Loomis Jr came down & requested our terms in regard to letting or leasing a part of the orch'd. Wanted to make ab't 40 bbls cider. We offered the chance at halves, t which he offered no objection - said he would let us know whether he would so do, this evening or to-morrow morning. Afternoon chiefly spent in gathering sweet app's for sauce. Eve'g much engaged in reading various pieces in Porter's Analysis, tow'd the end, speech of Pitt in the H. of Lords, 1778, condemning the inhuman policy of employing savages to reduce the American Rebels to subjection. Most excellent I think. I this day became 45 years of age - fifty we of course know is close at hand - everyone is sensible of having seen the best of his days who arrives at this period of life. Adeline rec'd the company of her friend Miss Susan Getty who the summer past had taught school in Dec. Dimmick's Neighborhood. Mention was made of the death of Mer't Fillmore, a young man of great promise, who had just finished his medical ~~and~~ studies ready to commence practice - 21 or 22 yrs of age - son of E. Fillmore Esq of this town, closing his mortal career at the Medical Academy, Castleton, Vt.

THURSDAY, OCT. 24 Strong S. wd made it chilly, hazy & gloomy, rain again exp'd. C.F. Sears & young Rockwood contin'd busy about the cider which they were employed to extract for Waters & Sears. We furnished team & cart for transporting the same - Geo cut down cheese for them. Young R. worked enough for us at gathering fruit to pay for it. App's were bro't from the upper orch'd - 3 jags of corn in the bundle was housed in the new barn. C.F. Sears & Rockwood gr'd vat full of pumice in the evening. Past noon I rode with wife to E. Village - leavin grist Ind. corn at D's mill - returned to A.B. & Co store which appeared to be full of company. While my dear was trading to am't of \$1.20" I was fully engaged talking with Mr John Vail about the fatal bargain of Aug 15 and circumstances connected therewith - he finally thought, taking everything into view I had done pretty well.

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Mr V. said, by way of ~~complaint~~ I suspect, he should come down to view the new barn some day. From store walked over to T.Hills' shoe store, bo't 17½ lb sole leather at 24", \$4.20 - Morocco skin, \$1.12½ - sutuff for shoe binding 12½" - tot. \$5.45 Saw our fr'd T.V.Parsons who appeared to be in some agitation respecting old affairs - very good & sociable. We made an unsuccessful visit to the mill, grist not gr'd. Saw Mrs Ayres who informed us that her son Loran had purchased the house built by ~~Mr~~ Hathaway beyond J.Murphy's, paid for it & "Pass'd Resats"; she said she meant soon to pay us a visit. Came up to Blackmer's store and there bo't G. of good molass' - suspenders 21 - tot. 67" - Taking home Adeline & Hopkins got home in season to assist at milking. In E.Village great activity seemed to prevail in point of building houses - many frames up to be finished shortly as would appear from outward judging. Lofty new academy, pillars in front, all so smart &c &c. ~~My~~ All my purchases were on cr this day. Debts previous to first of Jan 1834 must am't to upwards of 800 dollars. Our respected friend John Harwood took seat this morning here for making shoes - welcome guest indeed.

FRIDAY, OCT. 25 Pretty pleas't taken altogether. A quantity of app' were gathered, casks rinsed & limed, leach tub filled with ashes preparatory to making a batch of soap - six large cheeses made latter part of Aug. & fore p't Sept were casked - weighing by steel yards at 3 drafts 451 lbs - Corn husked in the eve'g. Young Rock wood, O.Hollis & C.F.Sears continued making cider - last cheese on. Oliver sawe off barn doors of the new barn - affix'd hook & staple to the bottom so as to shut up snugly. Geo worked at the press for him while thus employed. Hopk's said he saw Caleb Brown on his return from the N at the (printing) P.Office - heard him talking of the money lately lost by Coffin as mentioned Oct. 16. Mr Harw'd contin'd faithful at his calling.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26 Cold chilling winds, cldy, rain expected. Cider hhds were prepared, placed in the cellars ready to be filled. N.L.Robinson bro't up 6 cheese casks from Fuller's, bill p'd \$1.50 - N.L. rec'd a quantity of fruit for winter & sauce. I was off with Hopkins making market for beef - Those who bargained were S.Chandler, Kellogg, T.Hills, T.Davis. Saw M.S.Norton who faintly said he would do the best he could tow'd payment note mentioned May 1st \$22.57" Saw Ira Hawks selling wint. app's at 25" to D.Love. Visited Hydes' dry goods store - saw uncle S.Robinson in the street and S.W.Daniels at W. Haswell's - W.H. was said to be broken down on a demand of \$2500 in favor of Brattleboro Bank. J.Loomis Jun said next week should commence gathering fruit to make cider at our press. Solo. Clark sd he would take butter on 75" dem'd for binding Adeline's book on philosophy of Nat.History, & Marg't Harwood's vol of Bennett's Letters. The cider of Waters & Sears all made & carr'd off - No bbls 25. Oct 25 not as in Acc't Book which was dated 26 - paid Mrs Harris in full of acc'ts a sum to balance \$6.76

SUNDAY, OCT. 27 S/wd, cldy, some rainy tow'd the conclusion of the day. Geo., Hopkins, Lydia & Adeline went to meeting Spoke of a Revival having begun here

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S.W.Daniels came this way late in the morning, rode off on his bay colt T.C.Parsons paid his respects to us. A foot pad - not of exalted mien, called & ate, bread & milk.

MONDAY, OCT. 28 Tolerably fair, flying clds from N.W. Began making cider - Hopkins was pressed into the service. Dont know but that I read 2 of Major D's late letters in the evening. Geo P. paid up apple cheese, as we call it. H.Ray had 7 bhl wint apples on cr at 1/0

TUESDAY, OCT. 29 E.Mountains above a certain elevation in the m'g powd'd with snow, harsh chilling gusts from N.W.all day more or less. Contin'd busy at same business - father ran cider in to hhd's in the cellar. I was, by help of Hopkins, a part of the day employed in grinding vat full of pumice - had stictch in one side small of the back which a good deal disabled me. Two casks of Sept cheese was put up in the eve'g. J.Loomis Jr with his man Parker gathered ab't 150 bhls apples and deliv'd them at the mill, had with him his little boy of ab't 7 yrs of age, too young to pick up apples. A black man named Williams from Willianstown White Oaks' tarried with us this night. On the 28th inst., N.L.Robinson drew a quantity of apples to the press for his brother Uel M. In the evening he took up the note which he let me have last spring against M.S.Norton in paym't for cow, May 1 - and gave his own due 1st of Mar 1834, amounting to \$23.32"

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30 Frozen cold cldy morn'g. Flying clds & cutting blasts N.W. wind prevailed through the day. Apples gathered by ourselves & laid on the press & much of the cider pressed out by the end of the day. Father contin'd busy in his departm't. In the eve'g I wrote a short letter to Mr Wight to give notice of what was going on here - Haswell's trouble &c. Loomis on again - gath'd 2 large loads of fruit. Parker with him as on the 29". Hopkins & Sibley boy together a good deal late in the day. Mr J.Harwood resumed his seat again this morning. Two of the Crawford family, Smith & Stephen, departed this life quite lately within a few days of each other - the former past 45 - the latter some years younger - lovers of strong drink - sons of James Crawford. Said Smith died on the morning of the 28th of consumption. Wrote long P.S. to Mr Wight.

THURSDAY, OCT. 31 Very cold, remained so all day, cloudy, frozen N.side buildings. Nearly wound up making cider. Mr Loomis & Parker gathered little more than 1 ld apples. Rec'd visit from Mr Southworth who said our cheese would be called for about the 10th Nov. bo't a cheese cask of us at 50", wanted I should rec. another in exchange but I refused, suffered it to remain until called for. Our colored fr'd Williams departed for home late this morning, carrying letter to Mr W. I deliv'd hhd cider measuring 107 gallons to the order of J.S.Robinson Esq at his house - saw it placed in his chaise house safely by Seth Dun David Black & another man not known to me. M.L.Selden came there to inquire into Robinson's business a little - conversed with him about former days when we were young, particularly respecting Deputy Sheriff Hall standing in the pillory for felony forgey, Mar. 1808. Deliv'd to S.Clark 4½ lb butter in full for bookbinding, as mentioned on Sat'y. Bo't of F. Forbes good side upper leather for \$3.50 payable 1st Jan 1834. Mr Southworth conveyed a lad, son of Caleb Brown, Wmst., to the Ballard Seminary - afterwards went to Jewett's to cask last of their cheese sold to Brown

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At Forbes' saw Mr J.Pool & Jay Ballard,said something of the affair of the 15 Aug. Saw L.Jewett selling turnips in the st't at 2/0 pr bhl. Met Mr Hall & conversed with him respecting Mr Wightd project of going to the S.-should start for Washington in ab't 3 weeks,would do the best he could for Mr W.,s'd he would receive quarter of beef. Returned home about sunset. Mr Gilmore from Brookfield N.Y. staid over night with us Reported favorably of James Waterman & lady of the same place who were in good health - sent respects to us. In the morning had occasion to visit the distillery of J.Norton - himself & cousin S.Harwood were employed in hooping an immensely capacious tub - talked of young Tom Crow foot cheating in deliv'g 2 or 3 bbls cider diluted pretty freely with water. Some old things were bro't up when old Tom was a young man;and about our seeing him on training days,particularly so when Capt Sam'l Blackmer's Company was assembled in the old meeting house - Tom Ferguson for disorderly conduct was put under guard. Col Sam Robinson went to said F. & talked to him - Crowfoot had no hand in that,but we used, when young boys,say 9 or 10 yrs of age,to nitice his being always about pretty freely indulging in the glass or bottle as was customary in those & more recent days. An errand bro't Darious Clark to our house this day,he saw our cows & wheying troughs,visited dairy room & looked at cheese. That Training I suppose,which is mentioned above,may be put back either in the early part of the season of 1797 or 1798,should think in the former year. Spent much of the eve'g conversing very pleasantly with Mr G. on roads, canals, railroad, engines & cars, dairy ing &c. in which last calling himself & brother were engaged. No cows 23,equal to 19 good ones. Elihu Wright transported apples for cider from S.H.Brown's orch'd to our mill.

FRIDAY, NOV. 1 Reslly frozen wintry morning - wanting only snow - wind commenced blowing sharply from S. or S.W. flying clds,grew more mild. Wrote a letter to James Waterman & lady,the latter being my father's youngest sister residing in the town of Brookfield,N.Y.,sent pr Mr Gilmore who staid with us over night & until aft breakfast this morn'g. We conceived a very favorable opinion of him. Corn in the bundle was all got in. I was off up st't to get screws fixed at Chandler's - could not do it because he wanted to attend a Religious Meeting at the Old Congregational. A revival was said now to be rising Spent much time at A.S.Hyde & Co's store,saw Wm Haswell who introduced me to a cous of Mr Gilmore,named Paul,from Rutland Co. Saw uncle S.Robinson. U.M.R. did law business with a Pownal client named Green for whom he had done a good deal of collecting of late. Saw Mr Hall who said he'd have a quarter of beef of us - should start for Washington in ab't 3 weeks - would attend to Mr Wights business if written to by him. Came home past mid. P.M. Mr Loomis commenced making cider. Elihu Wright was engaged in transporting apples over from their orch'd to our press. Lydia visited at the house of Hiram Waters

SATURDAY, NOV. 2 Dry chilling N.winds - not very unpleas't for the season - was under wrong impression - last of the c corn was taken in the present morning. Loomis very industriously drove the

drove the cider business. Rec'd hhd & 2 bbl cider which Geo drove off to N's distillery, total 181 g's and Loomis himself on his part took home 1 new hhd full 124 G's, if I am correct. Father P.M. went to mill & had a quantity of rye ground. Geo late in the day put up 2 casks cheese. During October had, according to our weighing, made 2075 lbs cheese. The cows were permitted a short time to scour the young orch'd and then were driven out for fear of receiving injury. On Friday forgot to state buying at L. Patchin & Co's 2 lbs col'd buckskin mittens at 75", another pair for 58" - pr for Hopkins 25" which he afterwards exchanged for gloves which were 0/6 dearer. Lym Robinson furnished a statement of articles amounting to upw'd of \$9. Sat sold & rec'd pay in full for 4 lbs 5 oz butter of D. Clark.

SUNDAY, (OCT) NOV 3d Clear & sharply cold all day, dry N. wind. The usual number comprising the same persons named heretofore on L's Day heard Mr H. preach. He was said to have performed well. Text "The wages of sin is death". Mr Brooks & Hiram Waters were here A.M. Cous. N.L. Robinson staid with us during service - afterwards waited upon his people home. J. Loomis gr'd apples enough to fill the vat - had Parker & his boy, that is L's with him. Evening wrote letter to J.A. Wight in which stated respecting Mr Hall, death of A.K. Burnham & my writing him by the Negro on the 31st. Sent this by mail next morning - way letter.

MONDAY, NOV. 4 Winter cold in the morning - continued sharp & clear all day - As soon as Loomis arrived with oxen & cart which he had used in transporting cider on Sat'y or say on Sunday eve'g. Geo was off with hhd cider & perhaps 1 or 2 bbls besides, to J. Norton's Distillery where want of storage caused him to wait for empty casks until 1 Or 2 P.M. when he returned with 3 hhds. Loomis put up an app. cheese, by help of Parker & another Gent. not known to me. Geo. immediately proceeded to Distillery with 2d load cider. It was very tedious in driving Loomis' cider - Little boy came down again. Wheyed cows in the morn'g with warm whey - On Sunday gave them ~~known~~ none. This eve'g we made an end of casking cheese - 7 casks - 4 containing 6 apiece - 3 - 5 apiece - in all 39 - including a small thin one made in Ap'l which at the conclusion of our first casking in Sept was kept back for family consumption. Sent all B. had called for excepting 2 Oct. cheeses which could not go safely without casking. Bo't of Hiram Warren a large hand sled new - scythe, used only the present season & snath, all inclusive for \$1.50 - Gave order to that am't on Aust B. & Co.

TUESDAY, NOV. 5 Violently frozen & cold for the season during the morning, fair however & grew mild P.M. - thawed slightly - froze hard in the eve'g again. Husking corn was carried on in the new barn by Benj & G.P. Harwood. Loomis sent Seth Billington's brother for 1 hhd cider - himself & hands gath'd load of apples. I was off to grist mill with nearly all the old corn on hand - 3½ bbls & ab't 1 bhl new - had it gr'd in full. Asahel Harwood bargained off a cow 13 yrs old that would do to butcher, to a Woodford nan for about \$20 payable in lumber.

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Saw Capt O. Abell getting up cabbages, could not remember a season when the gr'd froze so deep & solid in the month of Oct. Was measured at Davis' for pantaloons. Saw & spoke with R. Colvin, also with I. B. Dewey who was driving 2 yoke of cattle before a large waggon ld of ore. Saw Harry Warren at the mill. Hamlin was gone to Pownal as witness against Dwight Foster for stealing rye, flax seed &c. The grain was bro't to the grist-mill while H. was tending mill acting in the capacity of miller. Returned to the centre - proceeded up the Hill near Academy Hopkin joined me - halted at the Post Office - rec'd letter from J. A. Wight, Will's College, Nov 2 - had been some unwell, got through Algebra - read over a good many books - boarded too far off - wanted his Spanish Books Drove directly to Patchin's where I had previously intended to go on purpose to inquire respecting these books - Lyman Robinson said he had procured them as directed by W. - cost \$6.00 - would wait for the money until first of Jan'y provided interest were paid thereon - bro't them home with me - folks examined them. Bo't of F. Blackmer 1 qr F. Brandy 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ - booked. We had made no cheese as yet since last May weighing less than 50 lbs. Began wearing grey pantaloons every day.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6 Cold morning - perhaps might say the cold reached its extrme - grew gradually more mild to the end of the day - some cldy - wd S. dark evening. Husking corn was our chief business - rather cold in the new barn - Loomis' hands ground apples enough to fill vat. Mr Eli Carpenter came to see us this evening - told much respecting N.Y. City where a few days since he had deposited a large quantity of butter which he bo't at the West - and when in Ohio went within 5 miles of the residence of my uncle Jonas Harwood - would have visited him if his business would have admitted of it - saw a gentleman who was well acquainted with him - circumstances good - doing well. Said many queer things of the City whence in a few days he should go. I proposed going with him - he seemed well pleased with the scheme In the course of the eve'g our District School was talked over - at most could not muster over 20 scholars - prospect very bad.

THURSDAY, NOV. 7 First rate fine day, grew mild rapidly. Having procured Doolittle's weighing establishment on Tuesday this morning weighed off 7 casks cheese containing 2703 lbs in good order with one exception which was made on or ab't the 20th Sept. soured some so as to cause it to crack in some degree, but the flavor was pleasant and it was shown to Southworth who said it might go. Whole am't of dairy sold was 11864 lbs which at the low rate of \$6.50 came to \$771.16 Add \$15 for casks and the whole came up to \$786.16 payable first of Jan 1834 - some husking was performed - Geo conveyed the last ld cider to the distillery. Returned with J. Norton's rec't No. 100 for 610 gall's cider. J. Loomis drove the cider concern pretty promptly powerfully. In the eve'g visited stores, shops &c. up street - had no success in buying boots - Geo bo't on my acc't flannel for

shirts. I bro't home some stocks for the nezk out of which to select one for my own use - but next morning sent all back - Saw J.C.Andrews at the store of B.F.Fay - heard him relate lively stories respecting Roman Catholic Churches,mode of worship &c. Came to H.Waters' - wrote complimentary dunning billet to Doct. Geo O.Gilbert to have him pay over money due H.Waters on note - out first Oct last. Mr Wights books with bill were left at the P.O. to forward by stage driver - scratched him a few lines on blank leaves with pencil to give information respecting some small events &c. FRIDAY, NOV.

FRIDAY, NOV. 8 Soft S.wind very mild & agreeable getting about. Loomis wound up his cider concern - having made nearly 50 bbls - we furnished team to transport his part to his house - all got along with pretty pleasantly. I was in E.Village - returned Doolittle's Patent Beam - had mare shod at Deac. Winslow's for 50" - booked - Harry Nort. gone up E.Mount. At T.Hills looked at & tried on several different pairs of boots, but the prices & qualities not squaring with my views of economy - did not purchase. Lawyer Southworth came here, said something lightly in favor of the great cause of Temperance. Came home late in the day - Geo P. assisted by H.Warren butchered the "House cow" - fine beef - see Mar 21 or 22. Isaac Allen commenced grinding apples for U.M.Robinson - Mr Davis lost a boy by sickness - 21 months old. Saw Dr N.Swift who on request said my note due the Bank might run 1 month longer without renewal - lent me \$10 for awhile - a young Boston scholar named Linsley, member of Seminary, spoke with me.

SATURDAY, NOV. 9 Rained considerably - dark thick clds - w'd S. Wind changed furiously to N.W. in the evening. Young James W.Andrews departed this morning to go home to Pittsfield, Mss with his father which gave opportunity to forward bill of the last parcel of cheese - with slight complaint against price - giving notice of its readiness to go at call. Beef weighed & allotted to buyers - S. Chandler 118 lbs hind qr at 4 cs \$4.72 - H.Hall same quantity hind qr same am't \$4.72 - T.Hills fore qr 123 lbs at 3½ \$4.31 and 65 do hide at 5, \$3.25 - tot \$7.56 - To T.Davis 110 lbs fore qr \$3.85 - Total am't of cow including tallow \$21.84 - Deliv'd 2 bbls cider to capt. Hills on cr & 1 do to Holmes the factory man of whom rec'd ready pay \$1. Same price of capt. H's & J.S.Robinson's - the last having rec'd his last bbl by the hands of Jesse Loomis Jr - Geo got 2 good plow points at Grover's, being in full for ash timber 18th last March. Also rec'd in full of Mrs Polly Dewey \$1 for potatoes - See April 27. T.C.Parsons came up from T.Hills' and tarried the night with us. Isaac Allen made cider for cous. U.M. again - wound off.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10 Blue & cldy, do not recollect respecting direction of w'd. Miss L. & Miss A.Harwood abd H.H.Harwood were hearers of Mr Gridley of Wmstown, Ms., I was under slow preparation for N.Y. Our old fr'd T.C.Parsons tarried until P.M. - withdrew for Algiers. I had my books prepared as well as circumstances would permit. Not very clear as to what occurred during this day.

NOTE:

I believe that there is a Special
New York Diary for the week of
November 10 - 17 1833 missing.

Edward L. Bates.

BENNINGTON, NOVEMBER 17 1833

SUNDAY, NOV'R 17 Sour,freezing,snow on the gr'd in very scanty quantity. Roads rough & terribly unpleas't to travel over. I reached home on the 16th past 9 in the morn evening - very bsdly jolted coming from Troy with Mr Scrivner,teamster of Stephen Dewey' 3 horses wagg. loaded with ab't ~~200~~ 16 hund Emboy clay for maj. L.Norton - Good persevering driver. Left Troy on Tibbett's new Turnpike which comes int to the old road a little way W. of Haskins' Jun - 15 miles - liked well. few hills & those low,baited at the afores'd house - Started away Sun an hour high at night - got ahead of all the other teams - arrived himself in the street past 9 - paid 50 cts for passage at the big East tavern - Hoos'k C's - parted from time this side Wickwires' and took to my heels across lots - all in good health & spirits at home - Mr Wight here from Williamstown. I had now been absent six days - about 2 of which spent in the City of N.York. Fpr an acc't of said journey I refer to a little book in which entries were made purposely - those however being very far inferior to what they might have been had the writer possessed genius & proper acquirements. My friend of the team had really a hard one - was late from Enosburgh, N.P8t of Vt had wife & child in E.Vill. Mr Wight kept Sunday with us - heard Mr Hooker A.M. - tow'd eve'g rode off for Bill's Coll.

MONDAY, NOV. 18 Contin'd very rough & pleas't - snow on mountains - sun shone a part of the time - unsteady N.winds. Geo finished plowing patch in the hither p't S.mead. Carted off 1 ld manure & ended day ploughing mead for Sam Chandler N.of Andrews'. Father & self aft.pt day busy getting app's from garret into cellar. It was said that B.Squires & John Sharp, E.Village, had failed - also heard that our good friend Elisha Lyon of Woodford was on the bankrupt list, but it was afterwards said that he had compromised with his creditors, that he would finally be able to blow her through.

TUESDAY, NOV. 19 Harsh,unpleas't,cldy - cutting N.wind - Shaftsbury very white & full of winter. Geo P. finished plowing Chandler's meadow gr'd. Preparation being made - 25 cows were bowed up snugly at night - Hopkins assisted in the latter manœuvre. Paid Daniel Fuller in full for making 34 cheese casks & repairing an old one - \$8.75 Cheese almost literally froze in the press during these cold nights - Many farmers had not harvested all their Ind. corn and more than a few had potatoes frozen up snug in the gr'd. Elihu Wright had nearly completed making cider at our press. It was the daily practice in these blue days to admit the cows into the orchard to feed on apples. Mr Getty had not arrived from his visit to his native town, Hebron, N.Y.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20 Continued extremely cold - ground solidly frozen. Many loads frozen manure were carted into N.meadow. Every hoof on the farm was comfortably stabled this wintry night - Wound up making cheese this

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day for the season $\frac{3}{4}$ Mrs S. Harwood having unceasingly pursued the business daily through thick & thin, cold or hot, wet or dry, blow high or low since the 11th of April last, and the daily am't from the press subsequent to the 8th May had not fallen below 37 lbs. Whole number of lbs from the press am'td to 15942 - Left off with cows 30 - commenced with 11 - as may be seen by inspecting the paper on which was kept the daily record of weight - after subtracting for waste & shrinkage - 1590 - leaves us good 14532 lbs cheese made in 1833 - Two teams by young men from Williamstown by verbal order rec'd 7 casks cheese for Caleb Brown. See Nov 7 - Aug 15 - Sept 20 - 22 &c. Wrote a short letter by said teams to E. & J. Griffith & Co., N.Y.

THURSDAY, NOV. 21 Cold S. wind, flying clds - contin'd carting manure. Rec'd the company of Mrs Coffin, Mrs Waters & Miss Emily Robinson, Mr Getty & E. Wright got away the last of their cider. News came that the firm of Aust. B. & Co had failed. Commenced making butter, on which acc't had last evening by the hand of G.P. Harwood bo't 1 doz more tin pans of 12 qt capacity at 40 cts a piece - See Oct 9 - They were going to be wicked enough to charge those pans at 50 cs had Geo not referred them to their book where another doz were entered at 40

FRIDAY, NOV'R 22 Rainy in the morning - snowed considerably tow'd the conclusion of the day - pretty unpleas't getting about - A quantity of wheat was got out and prepared to send to mill - Cows all stabled. Orin W. Daniels & his brother Sylvanus came on & butchered the Walbridge cow which he had purchased at \$3.50 pr cwt. She weighed 650 lbs - which amt'd to \$22.75 - rec'd his note for same due 1st of March 1834, among the failures was that of Newell Squires, tanner in E. Village - O.W. complained of having been ill used by A. Harmon Jr.

SATURDAY, NOV. 23 Smoky dark weather - ground thawed on the surface - unpleas't walking. Among the variety of movements for the say some large flat stones were procured from the land of Gen'l D. Robinson for laying new stable doors &c. Business occasioned my going up street - spent some time conversing with capt P. Dewey and my friend F. Blackmer on dairying, late visit to N.Y. &c. Of the latter borrowed \$2 which afterward finding I did not need paid over again as he was passing across the street to Hinsdill's - Visited J.S. Robinson in his office - held some conversation - rec'd payment in full for cider \$4.25 Previous to this agreed with John F. Robinson for the rye he could spare for 75" pr bhl, payable after the first of January. Gave my old friend S. Clark a passing visit - also made a short call on B.R. Sears & lady, viewing his new kitchen, the cellar &c. At the store of Ash'l Hyde & Co., rec'd tow'd use of cider press pr U.M. Robinson 1 lb tea at 50". Called at L. Patchin & Co's and paid in full \$6. for friend Wight who stood indebted that am't to Lyman Robinson for Spanish books - tow'd said sum Mr W. left with me \$5 - J.S. Robinson engaged of me a qr of beef - first Dec'r

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Called at Dr N.Swift's, rec'd compliment on my recent visit to N.York ; paid \$10 borrowed, took some medicine for mother & came home. Met on the way H.Waters who informed me that by mistake his choppers had cut wood on our side of the line against his Street Lot.

SUNDAY, NOV (25) 24 S wid, storm expected from S.E. Thawed up. No stabling cows at night. Mrs S.Harwood, Miss L. & Miss A & H.H Harwood went to meeting as usual. I perused Essay on Silk by Homerque, Philadel, 1829. Rec'd visit from T.C.Parsons & N.L.Robinson - late failures in E.Village much talked of. Wrote line for H.Waters to Sam'l L.Fay giving necessary direction how to proceed on building at Arlington on Monday during which H.W. would remain here to superintend important movements in his wood lot - Should go to Arlington on Tuesday Mr Buck came with him.

MONDAY, NOV. 25 Snowed more or less all day - not very cold. Cheese house banked with common earth. Water let off from big Dewey tub - many things executed by way of preparing for winter which I pass over as too tedious & common to the season to need notice here. Cattle all fairly & comfortably stabled at night or even sometime before. Warren Sibley assistant. H.Waters & hands, including Rockwood, T.Kent & others were employed in hauling out wood from his part of the Street Lot. This snow was thought rather extraordinary for the season. Perused Treatise on Silk in the eve'g which I liked very well.

TUESDAY, NOV. 26 Tolerably cold, cldy, snowy under foot. Ab't 12 bhl winter apples stored in 4 cheese casks. Cows fed with skim milk. Rode with wife to Hinsdill & Swift's, bought variety of small articles on credit which came to \$3. besides sold rags for sugar ~~and~~ amounting to \$1. Saw cousin Perry Harwood, John W.Vail and others - Ed H. was gone to N.Y. for goods. Those who waited upon us were N.Edgerton & young Huntington. Halted at F.Blackmer's & bought axe helve on book 25" - David Black present - Mother sick & visited by Dr N.Swift. S.W. Daniels chopped wood in Gen'l R's woods for W.Haswell - broke his axe-helve - got another at Frank's.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27 Pleasant, ground covered with snow. One item of employment may be guessed at by turning to Cider press cleared of apple cheese - Weighed 23 Oct cheeses making 2400 lbs - 9 more up to that date in Nov 448 lbs - estimated remaining 11, down to Nov 20, at 425 do. Another made early in Sept, estimated at 70 lbs - total 2343 lbs on hand besides about 65 in the house which had been lately cut - added - makes 2408 lbs - Since 11th last April Mrs Sally Harwood had made in so many days 223 cheeses giving us altogether as weighed out to purchasers and the last weighing & estimates 14,623 lbs from 31 ~~1/2~~ cows. Put up 34 cheeses in 6 casks to remain (to) over winter.

For particulars in (to) regard to Dairy, 1832, see Dec 8 of that year. See Mar 26th. Reynolds Carpenter called on me to enquire respecting his brother at N.Y. Jason Sibley & family removed from Chatfield house to the one lately occupied by James Pitts Godfrey, owned by Maj L. Norton on the old Riley place, once forming a part of the farm of the late Peter Harwood, by whom it was set off to his son Asa after his marriage in 1796, or somewhere about those days. See conclusion of remarks on April 21 - see May 18.

THURSDAY, NOV. 28 Pretty severe - would come up to real winter. Six casks cheese transported in cart to new barn - canal cut in hay mow over S. stable in sd barn - casks with much ado hauled up & deposited therein. Tho's Kent accidentally had a hand in it - borrowed team and sled to draw wood - Cheese room entirely cleared of cheese - none being made from 9th to 20th Nov - that of 12th being casked up. A cheese of May, as I suppose, which had been previously broached - main part potted - weighed in part 51 lbs - Prepared knives &c for butchering. Was sent for to school meeting, refused to attend - afraid being put on committee.

FRIDAY, NOV. 29 Chilly, cldy, November day. Two cows were butchered & dressed. Geo P. took altogether the lead, not weighed until next day. The names were "Hicory Dimmick" & "Shaftsbury" See Mch 11 & May 16. Mr Cobb put up for the night. See Apr 20, 21 Aug 1 & Sept 26.

SATURDAY, NOVEM. 30 Wintry, good deal of snow flying - wind pretty strong some part of the day - mostly from S.E. & N.E. grew mild as night approached. Beef weighed & distributed as pr Acc't Book p. 101. One mistake I made - forgot what quarter had engaged to H. Hall, whose lady would not receive the hind qr forwarded to her - insisting on having a fore qr as talked of between her husb'd & me - cous. G. agreed it should be sent on Monday - Total weight of 4 beeves lately butchered in new barn amounted to upw'd of 2300 lbs and they were worth from \$88 to \$90. So stormy as to prevent Mr Cobb from being off. In Spect. of Nov 4 is the Trial of Charles Davis for the murder of Capt Fisher on the high seas near the coast of Florida sometime in the summer of 1833. Dreadful affair, at the head of which, by confession of Davis, was (Charles) Robert ~~Stone~~ Steeve, one of the most abandoned wretches that ever lived. Said Confession is inserted in Sepct. of Nov 14. Regularly stabled all our cattle as if it had been in Jan'y - had done so all the week - Mark Morrison came to buy cows - offered \$14 for the Loomis cow - we held her at \$16 - so no bargain ensued. James Chandler had cutter to go to Pownal, W. part.

SUNDAY, (NOV) Dec'r 1 Mild, slightly stormy - thick low clouds. Mrs S. Harwood & children rode in wagg. to meeting. Mr Cobb kept Sabbath with us - Ira B. Dewey dropped in P.M. Affairs at the barn were well & faithfully attended to - Best cows rec'd a quantity of milk & meal. Began dealing out hay off the scaffold W. end over N. barn floor. Wrote short letter to Jared Dewey to solicit letter to his son Ira B., by request.

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MONDAY, DEC. 2 Moderate wintry weather cldy - Mr Cobb made a display of his goods in the morning - Invited us to purchase among other articles a piece of camlet which he recommended as the real 'goatshair' for making cloak for father - Postponed the purchase for further consideration - bo't only silk hdkf at 7/0. His purpose was to visit Troy on business & return here on Thursday eve'g. Sent by him \$2 to purchase thermometer. Distributed beef & hide - sold 2 hides to T.Hills - 119 lbs rec'd \$5.95 - check on bank. Rec'd credit pr use of cutter pr James B.Chandler to Pownal, 50 cts. Saw T.S.Parson who told me his daughter Ellen was a weaver in the factory near Doolittle's. Before going down to E. Village halted at H.Hall's sold 118 lb fore qr beef, rec'd pay \$4.13 - Proceeded up to John Harwood's - promised hind qr beef tow'd shoemaking a/c. Conversed a few moments with aunt John - Returned to Sam Saff'd vridge - saw Stephen Harwood - talked with him concerning cheese hoops. Cam' to the P.O., no letter - one from C.Harwood had been rec'd dated W.Rutland,Vt.,Nov 28 1833 making great complaint against his son who had gone off leaving heavy debts - house under mortgzge to F.Slasson for a large amount. Son had deceived him. At Bank T.Hill's check was cashed - spoke to cashier to have my note of Sept 3d contin'd to first Jan'y. Called on B.F.Fay & paid a/c of \$2.21 - see Oct 18. Paid acc't at Childs' & Forbe's in full \$6.50. Rec'd pay in full of John S.Robinson for 128 lbs hind qr beef,\$5.12 & of M.S.Norton final for cheese \$1.21 (May 10) - Conversed with our old friend H.Fassett on honesty in dealing and the late & other failures - We agreed well in our opinion respecting those points - He cited the case of a smitten conscience - Turn back to April 27 1831 - S.W.Daniels agreed to winter the Welbridge bull for \$8 - to take him on Monday next This eve'g by request went to School Meeting at school-house, Dist No 2 It was an adjourned meeting from Friday the 29th ult lawfully convened. Levi Jewett Moderator. Mr Loomis refusing to act on Committee - the following gentlemen were regularly chosen for Prudential Committee - Eli Carpenter, Levi Jewett, & Lyman Sibley - Gideon House,Collector - the first ever appointed in this Dist. Adjourned before 9 o'clock. These were present, Jonas F.Billing, L. Jewett, L. Sibley, G.House, B. Fay, and perhaps somebody else - also the Teacher - Mr Gorey.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 3 Continued thawy,moderate,cldy. Conveyed to E.Vill. 123 lbs hind qr beef sold to John Harwood tow'd shoemaking \$4.92 - Tried James Harwood for making pair of fine boots, would do it for \$2 - the lowest \$2.25 extra. Told me such boots would not cost over \$4.00 Called at the house of Ed Savage - the man was confined to his bed with a nervous difficulty in the head which had prevented him from attending to business for five weeks - a little boy 6 years old lay in cradle pai fully chained down by swelling on the side of the face - My bus

iness was to inquire the price of their cow for which they had provided no fodder - therefore wished to sell her. I directed my discourse mostly to the old gent who had previously told me she was all I could ask a cow to be - perfectly sound & healthy - nothing against her excepting age - 9 years old last spring - My price was requested - that is, they desired me to say how much I supposed her worth. I on the contrary demanded their price, which was set at \$17.00 She had no hay, consequently low in flesh - gave some milk - would have a calf in Feb'y next. Every circumstance then known to me considered, pronounced \$15., at which they said I might have her. Promised to decide within 2 days - Returned to F.Blackmer's - spent ~~sermon~~ P.M. hearing Sermon by Rev. Mr Foote - Mainly to persuade his hearers to decide whether they would be followers of Baal or the Lord - from First of Kings, 18 c 21 verse - Subject handled very spiritedly & eloquently. Audience very respectable & numerous. His allusion to Revolutionary characters, Washington, Patrick Henry & John Adams was appropriate & interesting. D.S.Shelden school closed - paid Hopkins tuition \$3 Perused papers in the eve'g. found Col Crockett's bear story - Spect. Nov. 11 There were various kinds of business going on about home - fixing up fences principally. I bo't 4 lbs nails at L.P. & Co's at 8" - My lady, daughter and son wer at church this P.M. Dr N.Swift came to see Mother in this morning.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 4 Fine morning, continued mild, thawy but so mild as to take off the snow over the gen'l face of the country - roads mostly bare - contin'd calm & cloudy. Father & Geo repaired board fence between cow past. & S. mead. - built length by N.E. corner near barn &c &c. I attended protracted Meeting near P.M. - heard Mr Foote from Vt Sol 1st & 2d verses or thereabouts - Compared Christ to a husband returned to his spouse after long absence - narking at the door in the middle of a stormy, cldy night, dark & stormy night and his love to the christian who is slumbering, having put off his coat of mail, not knowing howing to put it on again. This comparison in a variety of ways ran all through his course, which was most pointedly addressed to the church. Closed Church with fervent prayer. Closed sermon by fervent prayer during which professors only were previously requested to hear standing. During intermission at noon the interment of ~~rain~~ remains of a Mrs Spears, who died, on Sunday, suddenly at the house formerly occupied by Mr Bisbee, took place. She left a husband & family of children to mourn her untimely departure. Bo't some light articles at the store of Sanf'd & Brown - saw there Gilson - the man of ore who questioned Seymour respecting the rejection of an order of flour or butter, or both - explained by saying it was against positive orders by Mr Sanford. This however did not fully satisfy the ore man. Saw Mr Leavenworth, Mr Babbett, Perez Harwood Jun & others. Before going into church saw young Seth Hunt as they called him - late from N.Y.City - on his way through Springfield, Mss - said he went to see the young lady whose name had beecome be

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gun to ring in the papers so loudly of late. Found her at Dr Belden's, saw her perform some wonderful deeds with a stuff'd bandage snugly drawn over her eyes so that there was no possible chance of her looking over or under it while in one of her fits of unnatural sleep. He held out to her a steamboat ticket which she read at once like any well person with his natural eye - the room too was pretty dark - Shewed her a half dollar piece, requested the date and denomination of the coin which she gave without hesitation & without touching it - wrote her name on a small card with a pencil - forgot to dot the letter "I", the ticket was handed back at her request, and so amended was again returned to Mr Hunt, who shewed it to me & others fairly written - "Jane C. This young man spoke very fluently, gave a short exhortation after getting into the meeting house. I sent \$4 to Mr Savage this morning by my son who assisted by Warren Sibley bro't home the cow mentioned on Tuesday - soon found one flaw in the bargain - there was a film snugly drawn over the right eye - entirely excluding sight therefrom - low flesh & years considered I had put her high enough independent of the blemish. Paid Sibley boy 25 cs for riding horse to plow while I was off to N.Y. & 6 cs for driving cow. He tarried the night with Hopkins. Ellen M. Parsons was bro't from Factory to keep Th'g

THURSDAY, DEC'R 5 No material change in the weather, cldy & rather thick. Roads very muddy - travelling unusually bad Employed as if it had been Sunday, in weeding papers & writing in this book. Ladies so fully occupied - did not go to meeting - Adeline entertained Ell M. Mr Norton from Pittstown offered or said as much as to say he would give no more than \$12 a head for 4 of our best farrow cows for which we asked collectively \$68. They said they could buy at their price in their section. Geo P. busied himself making cow bows & improving stable. Mr Cobb arrived after dark through bad travelling from 4 C's by Pownal - had visited Troy by Stage - made some purchases, fur caps for gentlemen & fur capes for ladies from \$6 up to \$13 a piece - some fancy articles - imitation gold watch and safety chain. Bought with money furnished a thermometer for me at Troy - warranted for \$1.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ - stood at 40 degrees 7 o'clock - 50 at 9.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 6 North wd & flying clds - chilly - Mercury in the morning down to 36 deg. 5 o'clock P.M. 32 deg - 8 o'clock 20 deg. Bo't 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ yds hair camlet at 8/0 \$12.34 - ladies silver thimble 50" - added making \$12.84 Deduct fare over Sunday & last night left due him \$10.84 my charges amounting to \$2. Said \$10.84 to run to first of June before payment. Ellen M. Parsons was conveyed to the factory at Doolittle's - Adeline went to the protracted meeting which still held out under the preaching of Mr Foote. Father & Geo P. kept busy all day at laying materials of cider mill, vat

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and press, which were carefully house. S.W. Daniels came this way before sunrise - went to N. Norton's - returned & assisted in taking down cid. m. sweep. He requested me to put my name to a note which he was going to give to Alvah Rice to get back a cutter, harness &c which of late belonged to W. Haswell Esq and for whose convenience he thus would act - Drew the note in his name, due 2 months from date, value rec'd - for \$35 I suppose on interest - property fully worth it as Dan's tho't - Haswell engaged there should be no trouble respecting it - and the former promised more than once that he would stand the blowing of it provided H. failed in his engagement. I signed as security expressly. I went up street - took my chief stand at (L) A. Hinsdill's - saw many men of my acquaintance - E. Montague, Isaac Rice, M. Morrison, Capt I. Hawks and others. Price of pork was stated by Montague to be \$6½ at Troy - Morrison disputed it saying he came from there on Tuesday last, had inquired the price of the article weighing 300 of from 15 to 20 pork dealers - could get no offer over, if I be correct, \$5.75 - had not heard of any being sold higher than \$6.00 I.H. Thomas conversed with V.D. McEwen respecting 2 young beeves he had at home to sell for which he asked \$5. per hund. Troy price - T. refused to give it at present - but a few days hence in his opinion it would be worth it. Thomas intimated a wish to purchase a farrow cow of us - so I came home & he soon followed - I shewed him the herd from which he selected that which we commonly called "short teat" as the one most to his liking - fine, large, good milk, mainly a black brown. I asked \$20 - felt almost determined not to be driven from my gr'd - but being anxious to sell dwelt on 19 a good while He esteemed himself very noble & high in offering 18, more, by a good deal, than he would give anyone else, because he confided in our recommendation, and besides he wanted milk in his family - So at length I touched her off at that, to be paid before the first of Jan'y - to have possession on Saturday morning.

SAT. DEC'R 7 Opened pleasantly but towards eve'g S. wind & clds began to rise - Frozen solid in the morning - thawed up soft before night. Sunrise thermom. st'd at 15 deg. I P.M. at 55 deg - 9 o'clock at 26'. In the morning Mr Thomas drove away his cow, assisted by a boy he called "Hiram". This was one of the last of our rearing and the very last on hand - only 3 left of that lot or description - I mean such as grew up on this farm. Fence between barnyards, S. side new barn, was repaired - small gate set up to go through the same--good post planted to shut the large S.b yd. gate to--also another to the large N.do.

Butter for Capt. David Robinson Jun. was prepared by our sister Lydia in her usual faithful style--weighed and forwarded to him this day--She and my lady rode in wagg. and attended the P.M. meeting.

To the capt. made out a bill of 68 lbs. 13 oz.--rec.d paymt in full at Patchin's \$11.47.

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Sd money came through the hands of Charles Robinson, Clerk to L.P. & Co - staid here a few moments - and then went over to the court house - & attended a special town meeting - warned to see if the town would raise money to build the new road - known by the name of Deac Hinsdill's road from his establishm't to Sage's City or N. Bennington. Perhaps few projects were ever laid before the town (could be) that were more unpopular than this, but so curiously had the thing been managed, by getting it sanction'd by the proper authorities at a time when no body knew or thought enough of it to offer opposition, that the town in effect was fairly driven to the necessity of voting a tax of 2-1/2 cts on the dollar which we were told would raise the sum of about \$800. After which, Gen'l Robinson, I mean Gen'l David, the moderator, adjourned the meeting without day.

Again visited L.P. & Co's store - bo't & pd 6 cs for box wafers - Gen'l, Weeks, Jas Hubbell & others were there - some remarks fell from the latter gent. disapproving the doctrines held forth by Mr Foote - had heard only on Sunday eve. Went over to B. Fay's store and staid awhile - borrr'd kettle of Mrs Haswell - had 2 qts tar put therein by Mr F., PAID o/9 for the same. Heard H. Fassett & Gen'l H. Robinson speaking together of the change of manners among the people of Bennington within 15 or 20 years - from social to selfish, reckless almost - every one taking care of himself - forgetting his neighbor &c &c - which they imputed to their being much more absorbed, at present, in a variety of business.

Came down to H. Waters' CALLED FOR LADIES - gone home. Arrived here after dark. Was informed that among the hopeful converts now coming forward under the preaching of Mr Foote was Miss A.M. Harwood. Late in the evening come cous. N.L. Robinson to spend the night with us.

(Sat.) SATURDAY, A storm of snow from the E. commenced in the m'g &
DEC'R 8 held on all day with increasing fury - grew moder-
 at in the eve'g. Thermom't'r stood steadily 5 or 6
hours at about 32 - Nine at night 34 - Perused Napoleon's letter to
Josephine - Looked in the Bible long enough to attend to some passages
in Luke's Gospel respecting the restoration of the Rich Man's x Servant
to life - Evening examined the pages of Revolutions in Europe - 1790 to
1804-5. Wrote out most of Saturday's doings. Would not omit mention-
ing a visit from our cousin Henry Duncan on Saturday morning when he
most fervently & feelingly put up a petition to the Throne of Grace for
conversion of sunners, particularly in our family.

MONDAY, DEC'R 9 W. w'd clouds broken. Thermom'r from 32 early in
 the m'g to 36 & some higher about noon - down again
the evening to nearly the same. Protracted meeting continued. Sylvanus
W. Daniels offered himself very early to assist at butchering hogs -
but all circumstances being taken into view the business was put over
to another day. He led away the Walbridge bull to keep

over winter for which he should charge what he should esteem a just & fair price in the Spring. Benj & G.P. Harwood attended to a multitude of small concerns about home this day - too numerous to mention. I shaved & otherwise prepared to go abroad. Conveyed sister & lady to H. Waters' to attend P.M. service. Spoke to H.W. & learned that he had returned his cattle money to Raymond of whom he first hired it - had done so with most of it. I rode to the David Armstrong place - calling first at a house to enquire the way. On that road was never any farther than J.H. Wadsworth's - 1807. Saw Rich'd Dickinson. My business was to see Joseph Nelson to know if he wished to purchase or would take a cow to winter for her milk. Found him surrounded by his lady & family in the lower kitchen - employed in plastering over crevices in the walls of the fireplace & elsewhere. He had purchased a cow and did not want to be accommodated in that way. His wife had a quantity of lime prepared for whitewashing - used a brush very mechanically in laying it on. Staid an hour perhaps conversing with these people - in the course of which I informed her of the first of my acquaintance with her - & how interested I felt at the time in her behalf - she being a witness in a suit between her step-mother & one of her brothers. Indeed it was her 2 elder brothers - See Dec'r 13, ~~1819~~ 1819. Said she was born in 1802 - Sept. 23d - husb'd 7 years in advance born Dec. 1795. Returned to H. Waters' - wrote letter for him to John C. Andrews, Pittsfield, to inform him respecting the occupation of his house by Rockwood for whose rent bill he would no longer be responsible. Ladies arrived from meeting. Adeline remained at H.W.'s - wife & sister returned here with me about dark - Passed eve'g chiefly in writing.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 10 Chilly - hazy or cldy - brisk N.W. or N. WIND.
Thermom. morn. 30, 32 - tow'd noon 34 - 9 ev'g 28.

After due preparation, everything put in order at the barn, father, Geo & Hopkins entered woods to try the new quarry. They were satisfied after due trial that no great treasure could be found there - so came home with one load, and let it go, at that.

I waited upon some ladies again to H. Waters' - drove on myself to E. Village - made settlement in full with T. Hills, whose acc't was \$8.55 - mine \$9.52 - took due bill on demand 97 cs - Looked at calf skins but didn't buy. J. Sibley, T.C. Parsons and another man were seated on shoe benches - Religious subjects were some talked of. Smith Montague took his departure soon after I entered. Reuben Wickwire and son Heman transacted business with friend Turner. Walked to Week's Inn - many people were there congregated together - among whom were H. Blackmer - Fisk, Eldad & Stephen Dewey, Elder Haynes the Universalist, who had some talk with Eldad on his sort of faith in which the latter did not concur - Henry Norton, Anson Wood, Miranda Harwood, Capt Fillmore & others. Sharp's property was put up to sale & as I was told went off well - Sharp was there himself. Conversated with E. Dewey on the

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origin of the world, Philosophy, Christianity, Prophecy &c &c - of course I drew all from him - my resources were at once exhausted. Took a turn up to the Red factory to see if I could engage beef to Mr Holmes - did not wish any at present - Strayed down to Maj L.Norton's new pottery - saw everything going on well inside - spoke to Morton - saw young Sibley at the wheel. Found the Maj. piling wood near the NW corner of his kiln house - appeared very lively & agreeable - conversed with him a short time. Next went to J.Norton & Co's store - bot & pd 19 cs for shoe nails & awl. Ore Digger Gillson & priest Hollister were there. Came next to H.Waters in waggon - met a large number of people, in sleighs, on wood sleds, in waggons & other carriages returning from hearing the preaching of Mr Foote. D.Waters wanted 60 wt butter if to be spared - I so engaged it to her. This eve'g Mr Bridges of Williams town came to tarry the night. Cous'n Marg't & others accomp'd to at'd Gr'tbMeet'g. The colt was taken to Getty's to be kept among their colts through the winter at 8 dollars.

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Pleas't, ptrtty cold - snow very thin. Thermom'r 24 to 26 in the morn'g - Eve'g down to 22. Mr Bridges

& cous'n Margaret after breakfast rode up-street carrying with them my lady & daughter - to attend service &c. Father & self employed in clearing away rubbish from parade gr'd till past noon - Oats threshed by Geo P. I chose to go and hear Mr Foote's sermon to the new converts - The house was filled to over-flowing - converts seated in body pews by themselves - a regulztion I was not aware of as I entered the Sanctuary - this thing being done previous to my arrival - was, however, after committing a little mistake in endeavoring to gain admittance into B.Har'ds pew, vdry commodiously seated on the side aisle, and attentively listened to an able discourse in which was embodied excellent advice - tinged with a little of the enthusiastic in what he said to those who might hereafter wish to become missionaries. Among the many good things recommended was honesty & fairness in dealing, which suited my notion well - agreeing with me that no man could be a Christian without this virtue. The last Hymn that was sung rendered the scene very solemn - Tune "Auld, Syne". But I ought not omit one other valuable piece of advice - to be temperate & sober at all times. He requested members of temperance societies to rise - and a vast multitude obeyed the call - he went farther and solicited those that were not members, but who were friendly to the cause, to do so - a great majority appeared on that side. After leaving the house saw J.N.Hinsdill & paid him \$4.50 as agreed upon Aug 28. With my old fr'd major L.Norton visited P.O. THEN CAME DOWN TO Dr N.Swifts - called to get medicine for mother - saw Deac. Hinsdillm U.Edgerton & othrrs handling money - the maj. having followed me in - rec'd an invitation to assist in paying the preacher. Nothing being addressed to me concerning the matter and feeling that other taxes would press heavily - chose to be off and let the rich at-

tend to this call. What compensation was made up to him I know not - some said that his wages amounted to \$8 per day. Accompanied my friend home & received a batch of N.Y. Spectators in one of which - Dec 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ WAS THE President's Annual Message to both Houses of Congress, Dec 2 1833. Benj W Cardell staid with us over night - sang hymns - eve'g.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12 Cloudy - fast wint. weather, some few flakes snow flying. Degree of cold was m'g 14 - midday 18 to 22 - Eve'g 10. Sowed five last spring pigs were butchered assisted by Sylvanus W. Daniels - In the eve'g the five were weighed & cut up - thus 208, 194, 177, 165. 162 lbs Tot. 1906. P.M. I was upstreet trying to sell the large hog, but found no proper chance. At Hinsdill's saw many people of my acquaintance among whom was M. Cobb, S.H. Blackmer, Gen'l Weeks & others. At the office of James Hubbell saw a book giving account of various Religious sects in the world. N. Noyce was sitting there - mentioned many passages of Scripture - some of which were to illustrate his Universal Scheme. Ben R. Sears & hands were employed on frame of Co. Clerks Office nearly in front of Col Norton's. Went to the Printing Off. saw and spoke with Sol Clark who as usual was busy at his call'g. Called at Love's - Spoke with S.D. Walbridge - then at the office of John S. Robinson who was conversing with Capt A. Hyde - the latter went out & was succeeded by our old friend Sam'l Fay - soon after which I left Paid 4/0 for 1 lb tea at F. Blackmers with which came home. Borrowed Bucks' Dictionary on the various Religions prevailing in the World - Ancient & Modern. On preparing barrels for packing pork there was found on hand about half a bbl of the "Real".

FRIDAY, DEC'R 13 Cldy morn'g - pleasant P.M. Degree cold, 14 morn'g 20 noon - 6 in the evening. Geo packed pork.

I walked to Alg's - saw Eld Haynes dressing beef for Jed. Dewey in Weeks barn. Sold pork or bargained it to Jonathan Chandler at \$6.00 per hundred Came up by the centre meeting house falling in co. with Mr Jones - soldier in the war of 1812 - told me had lately returned from working in a quarry near the City of Schenectady, the materials were used in building the railroad from that place to Utica. Borrowed Balances of Sanford & Brown with which the aforesaid pork was weighed - frozen solid as a rock - (weighed) 293 lbs. Delivered forthwith to Chandler who immediately handed over the full amount in money \$17.58. Ordered his cow driven up for my inspection proposing to swap her for a farrow one with me, but I did not choose to try it. Informed me of his father having large warm barns &c - resided in a town of N. Hampshire - near Walpole. Called at the store of J. Norton & Co - V.D. McEwen was there and mentioned 2 fine beeves he was fattening - price \$4.25 per cwt. Said a few words respecting brandy to friend John who requested me to sell it myself I said I would do the best I could with it. At F. Blackmer's received & paid 46" for gallon molasses. Got crick

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bedstead at H. Waters' ASSISTED by Harr't Albro. Adeline rode home from Friday meeting. Rockwood boy was brought to his father's. Eve'g peruse Buck Theological Dictionary. Cold kitchen - trying up tallow & lard by ladies in the big fire place - stove not in use until late in the eve'g Dr S. visited mother at noon in the m'g.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 14 Light broken clds - mainly pleas't. Thermom/ stood before sunrise at 4 - something exceeding 20 at noon - say 26 in the eve'g. Was at home all day - regulated affairs at the barn - perused N.Y. papers - made brine for hams & other smoking pieces &c Father walked to town to make inquiry respecting felt hat - came home without accomplishing anything to the purpose - said he saw & conversed with Gov Tichenor, gen'l Robinson - heard them boast what tough hands they had to expose naked to cold weather. Also halted awhile at Capt P. Dewey's where conversed with the Capt & Stephen. Geo P. had oxen shod at the shop of Sam'l Chandler. Performed other business of his own - had coat altered by Mr T. Davis. I paid Geo fifty cts tow'd hire this morning. Hopkins went up St & paid out 33-1/2 cs for goods at L.P. & Co's.

In the evening our friend E. Carpenter called upon us and amused us a good while in talking over his late New York adventures, among which there was one that he dwelt upon with some emphasis. One evening he walked into the store of Arnolds, Leggett & Lapham, Commission Merch's No 36 F. St and entered into very familiar conversation about my selling our dairy to Brown - that I felt dissatisfied ab't it - that I called it a fair (or binding) bargain, but that I should be satisfied by having it made up to \$7 pr hundred; that if B. refused to do so I had determined not to let him have it next season - and so C. proposed to Mr Arnold to make arrangements for receiving it - Mr C. at the same time speaking much in my favor as a dealer and as a dairyman. Mr A. said he would like well to do so, saying he knew me to be honorable in dealing and from former experience knew our cheese to be good, telling him to inform me that he would take it & sell it for me to good advantage. In speaking of what I required of B. he rightly stated that in the bargain I could claim nothing; but as matter of justice I wanted the half dollar on the hundred. Yes, Mr Arnold said, Brown ought to make it up to me \$8 for if he had had it I should have cleared that or more. What was our friends surprise when, more light happening to gleam over that part of the store - there sat the very Mr Brown, as mute as if he had been totally divested of the power of speech. Nothing was offered by either party - the latter left immediately. C. took Arnold aside & asked him if he had said anything wrong. No says he you have not. One thing further which I did not set down in due order. Mr C. said in the course of the conversation he mentioned my going within a few rods of the store of Burrell & Brown when in the City, but on account of my feelings being so injured ϕ I would not see him - A true bill - C. said he did not know but that in telling of that he had done mischief - I told him didn't think he had -

SUNDAY, DEC'R 15 Cold, hazy, some cldy. Near freezing point in the morning - past noon 36 - at sunset at 20 - evening down to 14. Perused Theological Dictionary - wrote out journal - Wife, children & sister went to Church. Adeline staid at H. Waters' to attend eve'g meeting. Old bay mare very lame, supposed to have been occasioned by getting cast in the stable - being tied too short by (her halter) THE HEAD.

MONDAY, DEC'R 16 Pleas't, pretty cold mofning, down to 10, arose past noon to upwards of 60 in the fair sunshine - after sunset down to 28 - nine o'clock 26 or a little under that. Wood from tree tops cut last winter for barn timber, including chips & hewing was drawn home by Geo. on ox sled - father assisting. I had lame back - employed chiefly at the barn - fixed hoop iron handles onto new barn window shutters - besides applying melted lard and fine salt to the affected limb of the old mare. In the eve'g a Religious Meeting at the Brick Academy was attended by Lydia, Sally & Adeline. Another meeting was said to have been holden at the S. School house. Acc'ts with or against Getty & Brown were copied for settlement. Mrs Kent obliged our ladies with a visit this P.M. A portion of French History beginning with the reign of Chas 9th & leaving off at the conclusion of that of Louis 13th, or even adding a few lines of the succeeding reign, made up my chief reading this eve'g. France within 200 years has gained almost all her greatness - and so of England and other nations.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 17 Great E. wind, rising to, almost a hurricane about 1 o or 2 P.M., air filled with whirling snow which drifted into huge piles in certain localities - the thermometer varied little from freezing point all day. Gradually the tempest comparatively gave way, though very sevdre, about 4 P.M., BUT in the evening seemed to rage about as high as at noon. Business of 16th continued by same hands, broken off by storm. I attended to usual barn concerns - took off beard - walked to E. Village - staid a few moments in S. Weeks tavern stable where a young fellow was employed in nailing something - could not tell what - he knew me, but I knew not him. Called on Mr Davis to see if he wished to purchase a cow - but he did not - such as we could spare. Visited T. Hills Shoe Shop - read some passages or parts of N.Y. Spect. Dec'r 12. Returned home immediately on acc't storm - Saw Chatfield Parsons there who said he would visit on Saturday next.

WED. THURSDAY DEC 18 Cloudy, some sunshine during P.M. Thermometer in the morning about 18 - say 24 past noon - Do not recollect how it was at night. Drove Brown's big horse before the lumber sleigh to grist mill. Saw A. Kinsly & E. Fillmore - the latter bro't a quantity of rye which he sold for 75" per bhl - had apples which he said were bargained at 30" They said they should have 200

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bhls Ind corn to sell. Left grist to be ground - nearly 4 bhls wheat & over 1 of corn. At James Harwood's had boot bottoms nailed, which he charged in a/c. D. Weeks Jr was there during the operation, quite sociable. Saw James' lady who said Ellen M. Parsons had ret'd to Hoosick to serve in the old Factory under Crocker. I walked to the Furnace to see if I could market beef, but found no opportunity, or in other words no buyer. Saw Francis Brackenridge who was there with sligh & horses, and after finishing his business with some of the hands who were at that mom't employed in removing obstructions in the big flume, into which they had been introducing a greater supply of water from the Old Branch rode with him as far as Sam'l Saffords - dealt out his religious opinions pretty freely, which I have no time nor disposition to transcribe - would add that he was fair - not for gaining over by plausible sayings. Rec'd grist ground at the mill. Bot & paid 6 cts for 1 doz wooden buttons bound with tin at the store of J. Norton & Co - left the same with Miss Brooks - came home. In the evening lent sleigh to Mr Getty to go to Salem, N.Y. In inserting the day above recorded - committed a mistake - giving the 19th instead of the 18th which shall now follow.

WED. DEC'R 18

Temperate for the season, not far from 32 all day.

Four bhls wheat threshed. Father some unwell. J.

Ambrose Wight arrived from Williams Coll. in good health. Bro't up by Mr Bridges along with 3 Olins, 1 Finch & 1 Jesse O. Norton - fare 4/0 a piece - travelling very bad - road so filled with snow in some places as to render it necessary to go in the lots - in others it was blown out of it altogether. Bp. came in his sleigh - W't paid me \$1 lent money. We were, as usual, well pleased to welcome him here. Hopkins out of school P.M. Evening perused a part of the President's Message - everything going forward prosperously - National Debt some over 4 Millions - France not exactly up to her engagements.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 20

Remained cldy - Thermom' 17 in the morn'g - noon 26 down to 10 eve'g. Getting wood already down was

followed by Geo P. & Self. Affairs at home regulated by B. Harwood. Friend Ambrose caused apple trees to suffer under the severe blows of his axes. I perused Theological Dictionary principally in the evening - talked also with J. Ambrose on various topics. We sat up late at night.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 21

Singularly foggy nearly or quite all day. State of thermom. in the m&g 16 - noon 24 - even'g 12 to 15.

Geo. continued getting wood assisted by Ambrose - Father looked to barn concerns & sawed up a quantity of wood. I was off in town trying to market beef. At J. Ogden's saw a fine coach body to be fitted to 2 bob sleighs for staging business, with the name of U. Hicks - No. 4 - inscribed in handsome gilt letters on her sides near the bow - Made call at Alonzo Hinsdill's. Conversed with Enos Rudd on the

policy of having rival roads laid in the neighborhood of that which the McAdam T.P.Co had commenced building the season past - he for & I, in view of the whole ground, against it - such tending to discourage the execution of the grand & only plan by which a permanent, really useful and substantial road could be expected to be had in that section of country. Called at & received temperance paper from N.Y. WHICH, WONDERFUL TO RE^{late}, had openly, unblushingly and in my opinion foolishly, come out flamingly for Abolitionism. Visited B. Sears & hands, Henry Robinson and Norman Daniels, and others, working on the County Clerk's, otherwise gen. Henry Robinson's office lately erected. - bargained to him hind quarter of beef, payable in joinery or carpenter work at call - beef to be \$4.50 per cwt. Bo't of Patchin & Co sewing silk & black tape enough to come to 14" - pd - afterw'd rec'd & paid for 1 qr letter paper which was left with S. Clark to faint line. Sat awhile in printing office reading paper - perused Mr VanBuren's Inaugural Speech to the Senate, which I conceived to be very appropriate. Col Merrill being present - coincided with me in disapproving of this abolition spirit. Dont mean that Mr Van B., expressed any of it, but such as had been manifested of late in the great meeting at Phila. & some rash prints in these U. States. Called at the office of John S. Robinson where finding a paper containing some curious sentiments - left billet intimating that I borrowed & would return the same in a short time. Made another call at an attorney's office, conversed a short time and came to Sanford's & Brown's - bot quire com'n writing paper, 25" on book - Proceeded tow'd home - saw newly invented machine for selling corn near the store - Got piece of work - say flat ring to stove, which S. Chandler hzd repaired, also a pair of pantaloons just finished by Miss H. Brooks, for doing which paid her 50" in full. Came home and enjoyed the evening cheerfully, partly in conversation and partly in reading good books - particularly that part of Bigland which treats of the Divine Mission of Moses to the Jewish Nation - his silence with respect to a future state &c.

SUNDAY, DEC 'R 22

Alight snow had been added to the old stock over night, continued cldy all day. State of Thermom.

pretty steady at 32. All went to the Sanctuary - save father, mother, Geo & self - Adeline, MrvW & Hopk&s attended evening meeting at B. Academy. Noticed in perusing New Testament, that Mark & John entered into no particulars respecting the Nativity of our Savior.

MONDAY, DEC 'R 23

Hazy, pretty pleas't. From freezing up to 53 - eve' down to 24. The long red cow bo't by J.A. Wight - 1

16th last May, 14 or 15 yrs old, was butchered & dressed by G.P. Harwood - weighed in full 545 lbs - calculated am't of her to be about \$22.58.

Sold & carried to B.R. Sears 115 hd quarter at \$4.50 amt'g to \$5.17 ~~\$6.17~~

Sold Ed Savage 114 lbs 3-1/2" \$3.99

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Being considered cheap at that price, called it \$4 in reckoning, leaving due him for the cow which I purchased of him \$7., which I paid in Manchester money - clean and handsome - Left hide - 67 lbs at T.Hills for which rec'd in the ready \$3.35 Hopkins was with me. Saw friend Parsons who said he contemplated making visits at Glens Falls, at Castleton &c. Bo't bar soap at F.Blackmers at 10" amtg to 29". Adeline rode home from H.Waters, this being the first day of her attending school under Mr Sheldon the present term. Hopkins commenced on the 16th inst. Ambrose also joined the school this day - The eve'g was very pleasantly passed away mostly in reading to my venerable father the acc't given in Gordon's America of the various maneuvers of the Fleets of France in opposing those of G.Britian, operations of the combined armies, in approaching the scene of action, conducting the siege and all through to final triumph when a 2nd army surrendered itself into the power of its lant & heroic antagonists - 18 pages of the best History in all Modern ages. These things might be searched into by our youth.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 24 Wind strong from SE bringing with it a very considerable quantity of damp snow. Morn'g 32, Noon 40, Ev. 30. Mostly devoted to settling accts with Merchants. Gave note to Sanford & Brown for \$29.19 - to F.Blackmer \$34.00 - to L.Patchin & Co \$14.00 and at the conclusion of the day I was going to say to Aus. B. & Co \$66.26, but there was no note given, tho' that was the am't due - At the other houses their books compared with mine pretty nearly, but at the last it was not so - theirs amounted to 47 cts the most. The full am't of charges exhibited against me by these merchants this day was \$147.40 - from which subtract credits - \$3.65 - there remained due \$143.45. Then add due in Troy to E & W Carpenter \$39.91 and to Hind'l & Swift \$18.30 - also due first of Jany to J.W.Cobb \$42.64, came to \$244.30 - add due Bennington Bank Jan 3 1834 \$50.25 making \$ 294.55 Then we will go on farther, say to Elisha Lyon Esq barn lumber 85.00 To William Haswell for good shingles 30.00 , S.D.Walbridge for bull, tow'd which had pd \$1. 10.00 , E Montague, estimated, tow'd mason work on barn 10.00 , mechanics in shops ,, throughout 439.55 10.00 , G.P.Harwood on note up to Jan 1 3 15.00 , , tow'd hire 59.30 , B.R.Sears on barn, estimated 50.00 , all other demands excepting taxes 20.00 , Taxes, including Mr Hookers' 36.00 919.85

Amount of debt against B. Harwood & Son., would say		919.85
Now let us get up the other side of the picture; Cash	12.49	
in hand. Cash due for cheese & CASKS pr C. Brown	786.00	
, , , cow sold to Thomas Dec 6	13.00	
Cash on note due 1st of March pr O.W. Dan's	22.75	
		<u>834.24</u>
Deficit		85.61

There might be mentioned some small dues, and loose property on hand, but so much expense is to be incurred for outfit the coming season that it would not apply on the above estimate.

In addition to G.P.'s pay, there are for 2 months not included in the foregoing	18.34	
Due interest on his note of Mar 1 - 1833 - from Jan 1 to M ARCH L	3.	3.
100 bbls rye		75.00
3 tons plaster		24.00
12 Cows, estimated to cost \$25.00 pr head		300.00
Say for hay and other property probably wanted	30.00	450.34
Should most likely be obliged to hire the sum of \$400 for 1834.		

Could say for round sum in cheese, cider, potatoes &c on hand & for sale after the first of next March \$200 to keep the pot boiling.

Paid to G.P. Harwood this day toward wages \$5.00 - had his teeth cleaned and stopped up by Brockway - the accomplished Dentist of Troy, N.Y. Sold to H. Deming fore qr beef - 105 lbs at 3-1/2 c, to apply on note to Sanford & Brown - \$3.67

While at Weeks', E. Village heard Mr J. Hunt in Bar Room talking of Noah Webster Esq - with whom he spent some time very pleasantly at gov. Tichenor's in 1832 - enquiring very particularly respecting the history of his Dictionary which the old gentleman very readily and familiarly gave in short order. Mr H. also after saying he disapproved of these protracted meetings, none of which did he deem it his duty to attend, explained what he understood to mean Regeneration of Heart - which was no other than a feeling of Universal Benevolence to all men, which he called - Heaven begun on earth and without which there could be no Heaven - and he said he thought he possessed that feeling. W.S. Southworth rode with me from the Village up to the center Meeting house. Protracted meeting at Baptist Church in s'd village contin'd - rather thin atmosphere from 32 to 40 - through the day - eve down to 34.

Assisted in picking up 3 lds old wood - and at night got Spectators at Maj L. Norton's - saw my old female friend Clar Loomis - saw also wid. Norton and son Norman - the latter confined to the house - in the aforesaid paper was abundance of matter respecting U.S. Bank - Deposites - W.J. Duane's

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Loss of Ship Amphitrie bound from England to Botany Bay, with female convicts, about 108 in number - about all of whom besides a number more perished in a terrible storm on the coast of France - near Boulogne, about the fi5st of September last - very interesting acc't - Spect. of Dec. 10.

Rec'd visit from Uncle Sam'l & aunt Sarah Robinson - the former unusually entertaining by reason of relating over many anecdotes of by gone days respecting the first settlers of Bennington - how they behaved to the Yorkers when they were trying to condiscate their lands after having endured great privations in bringing them to - having in many instances already paid the original grantees therefor. Among other interesting cases of suffering bro't up that of Capt Baker of Arlington who under Sheriff Monroe of Albany was forcibly taken in a violent manner from his dwelling in the night - most cruelly treated - wounded very badly in the wrist. Our brave fellows in Bennington pusued, overtook, recaptured the prisoner and returned with him to Bennington Vermont. This story he had from his uncle David Safford, who was one of the party that rescued Mr B $\frac{3}{4}$ THE LAST TIME he saw him when he went to the N. - since dead. The Vermonters did not come up with Monroe's party until they barrived at an old ferry below the present City of Troy.

Benj'n R. Sears & lady were also here this eve'g pleasantly visiting. Bro't with them their little girl.

Our respected friend Norman Edherton was reported this day to have rec'd a most shocking hurt in one of his feet by being caught in the machinery at the machine shop - Deac Hinsdill's - in the old hemp building - had to suffer amputation of a part of said foot.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 26 Beca, me more severe - pretty steady at 32. Snow shower near close of the day - cldy most of the time. Finished picking up wood of which got home 3 cords loads. Papers full of Bank - Bank - Bank. N.L. Robinson visited us in the evening - contracted with him to buy & bring us 1 ton plaster - to apply on note of)ct. 28th.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 27 Sound winter - heavy gusts N.W. wind made snow fly right merrily. Morning 24 - noon 40 - eve'g not quite 20.

Assisted Geo. at threshing rye. Father busy at cleaning stables &c.

J. Ambrose bro't information that tomorrow morning the cutter must be harnessed forthwith and sent to H. Waters' to bring down Mrs W. & child & Miss A.M. Harwood - the latter having had and still was having a violent nervous pain aboy the jaws - which had kept her out of school this day.

In the eve'g a part of the Bank Defence was perused alternately by Mr W. & self.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 28 Cloufy with signs of snow - chilly S. wind - 12 in the morning - afterwards from a little over 32 down to 22 in the eve. Rye all cleaned, threshed, and sent by me to mill - father & Geo having attended to the process of cleaning - 10-1/2 bbls - Ordered it ground without bolting. Had some interesting conversation with Maj L. Norton on Bank concern near the close of the day - at his works where he was piling kiln wood. He wanted to ride home with me, but would not on account of said wood. I came round by J. Norton's Distillery - left gin bbl there to receive brandy due on 610 gs cider. Sibley complained of heavy cold - taking while running said distillery. After turning Fay's corner below school house, saw the South stage halt to deliver one or 2 passengers - after which it proceeded to E. Village and one of said passengers got into my cutter and rode to Tanbrook hollow where he proceeded on foot - bound to Hoosick, N.Y. ~~7~~ HAD A RIFLE with him which appeared to be new - His name was Johnson - acquainted with many people aboy the Falls. His father resided a short distance N. of the V. Was on his return from Adams, N.Y. M's - apparently 21 or 22 yrs of age.

Among my reading this eve'g - the FIRESIDE stories proved a pleasing part.

Mrs Waters & Adeline performed their contemplated visit.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 29 Cloudy, cold - morn'g 12 - noon 24 - evening 10. Busy mostly writing. Miss Lydia, Sally, Miss Adeline M., Mr Ambrose & young Hopkins went o church - & in the eve'g with the exception of the first & the last they attended Religious Conference at Bennington Academy. I was off, first to Maj L. Norton's and then to his mothdrs where staid principal part of the eve'g, conversing with the major, his mother & Norman on various subjects. Past 9 ret'd with my fr'd to his house where read extracts from Gov Floyd's Message to the Legislature of Virginia. Wild on Nullification. Good on Anti-Slavery Societies. Excellent on the question of the removal of Deposites by the Sec'y of U.S. Treas'y. Came home before all had gone to bed.

MONDAY, DEC'R 30 Chilling S. wind - snowed bravely before night, but not long - sat in again in the eve'g - a kind of thawy storm - M'g 10 - noon 28 - eve. 26. Axes having been ground assisted in felling apple trees in the orch'd called Clark's. Elijah Atkins called to hire money - partially engaged to let him about \$150. First of Jan was mentioned as the day on which he should call. P.M. DROVE AWAY IN LUMBER SLEIGH ~~4~~ DELIV'd a quantity of butter to the lady of Hiram Waters - computed at 60 lbs - state it in this way because in putting it up, but one of the vessels in which it was packed, was weighed - that which remains to be weighed must be subtracted from 74.60 oz which would give the am't of butter in full - the vessel already deducted weighed 11 lbs - left likewise corn basket of apples - no charge for that.

Visited Post Office - returning thence with intent to visit Algiers a man near Hicks' horse shed hailed me - Conjectured he must be some

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person in want of money. He appeared to know me, having the advantage of me in that respect. Said he had some money for me from Mr Brown of Williamstown - saying his name was John Gulliver - Directed him to go to the Bank where I WOULD MEET HIM TO TRANSACT business. I reached it a short time first - felt a little stumped at finding myself in want of minutes for my dairy - but supplied it from memory - am't being for 11864 lbs at \$6.50 pr hund (\$186.16) 171.16 to which add 30 casks at 50" - \$15 - making total \$736.16 The money was handed over to Mr Raymond the cashier by whom it was counted twice at least - and lastly by Gulliver himself so as to be sure - and no more could be made of it than \$776.16 for which the cashier drew a receipt which I signed, sent the same by G- exchanged paper with cashier - paid up, note of Sept 3d of \$50.22 - the fraction was interest from 3rd the present month. At the P.O. paid 12" on Temperance Advocate for postage since Kellogg's administration & came home. Found cousin N.L. Robinson here, had just returned from Troy with 1800 lbs N.S. plaster - gr'd - a part of which was bro't in 2 casks for which he said he paid 62-1/2" but deliv'd to me for 56" a piece. Whole am't transportation inclusive to be endorsed on note of Oct. 28. Rec'd my cousin's note dated 25th inst to run 2 months for \$25. which was handed over this evening - That is it was cashed. Also put in his care \$40 in 2 twenties out of which he was directed to pay E. & W. Carpenter \$39.91 whose bill was put in his hands. I WOULD particularize some further respecting the day - that after business at the Bank drove with my son to grist-mill - rec'd ground rye - came home by the old Smith road - met J. Norton on load of hay accomp'd by his eldest son - asked him if he had attended any of the late meetings & whether they had made any impression on him. Answered the first affirmatively - the last negatively - adding that he thought much good resulted there from in many instances.

In the evening addressed a line to Caleb Brown Esq P.M. Wills-Tacquainting him with the facts inserted above - presuming it arose from mistake which he would see by reference to my bills - and that it would be readily made good. Remarked that cheese had been a good article, hoped he had done well with ours - requesting a statement of sales.

TUESDAY, DEC 'R 31 Pleas't thawy - mg 38, noon 38 & 40, eve 36. Geo P taken ill, paid in the side - had Doct N. Swift - not long confined to the bed. Self & father after getting money arranged in exact parcels - rode to Elisha Lyons', Woodford - found him busy in his wagg house repairing flour casks - made him acquainted with my business - telling him I presumed my bill would amount to about \$85.00 - He immediately proceeded to settlement, in the

course of which it was shown that I had rec'd upw'd of 4300 ft spruce & rising of 8600 ft hemlock lumber - at \$8 & \$6 pr thous'd - Debt being \$85.88 which I most cheerfully paid & took rec't for the same. The settlement was a most pleasing & satisfactory one. Was ready again to open trade in the same way & on like terms. There were 2 gentlemen present unknown to us. Mr L. very politely treated us with wine, and after a few words in regard to practical Temperance as tending to ruin Tavern keepers who wished to furnish good accommodations, we took leave - On our return valled at Sam Weeks' - Austin being abeing absent at meeting left with S. Weeks for him & Co., \$66.26 to balance books there - & in th the Center V. paid in full \$14 to L. Patchin & Co - to Sanford & Brown balance on note \$29.19 - \$25.52 - the other \$3.67 having been paid in beef to Horace Deming - to William Haswell \$30 in full for shingles - to F. Blackmer in full \$34 - Left in the care of Cashier \$300. Whole am't of payments this day being \$255.66 Saw Isaac Doolittle at the Bank, said he wanted to hire money - told him if Atkins did not call could accommodate him, or words importing that.

1834 WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 1 Weather commenced changing rapidly - mg 30, noon some higher - evening down to 20. With my lady on lumber sleigh rode to Hinsdill's & Swifts where on vomparing books found an exact agreement - sums due being for bills of goods and order pr Mrs Harris - \$18.30 which was paid off hand & immediately commenced new a/c - which for ourselves amounted to \$20.48 to which was added cloth & trimmings for box coat for G.P. Harwood, \$12.50 - total \$32.98 In our bill was included 1 copy Tradesmens Guide, 25", and silver pencil case 75" for my exclusive use - I mean the latter article. Looked at many school books & other book property. Sleighing very poor. Suffered Geo to manage cutter as far as S. Robinson's while I called at the house of S.D. Walbridge and left 2 five dollar notes on Bennington Bank to pay in full the demand for bull - bo't June 6th and driven home 15th same month. Came across lots to Uncle Sam's - But short call here - cous N. had attempted going to Troy but stress of weather caused him to put back, there having been great waste of snow - should start again next day. Left cous. Geo P. there - came up street & paid John C. Haswell in full for Gazette \$1.75, up to Jan 7 1834, took rec't for the same Arrived home aft. dark - Geo came to H & S's on foot. In the evening a very bright settlement of acc's was effected between me & Benj R Sears which included every known article excepting team work in transportation of barn postd from Woodford, which could not now be ascertained - left for future examination - paid him \$50 - his whole acc't was over \$90.00 of which more than \$60. related to barn concern. After my charges were subtracted the balance stood as above stated - His wife & child were with him. Hinsdell & S let us have tea at 37-1/2

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Sold to Benj R. Sears 10 lbs 6 oz butter at 1/0, rec'd in full \$ 1.75
 Saw S.D. Walbridge in the street & informed him of having left money at house which he agreed made us even as to the world's affairs.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 2 Thawy, very chilly. S.E. w'd, ^{much} no ice - cold fine rain
 Thermometer 28 & 30 in the morning, perhaps not much variation from that u til evening when it stood at 42. Not much rain, very icy. Trolled over lots E. to the Webster road - thence to Dolittle road mill - and there after staying some time arranged with Asahel H Harwood, D's agent, to leasr \$200 of which \$50 was on demand, remainder at 2 months, dating obligations on the first inst. Asahel went with me to his father's where his brother James was finishing him a pair of boots. The old gent. being absent, could make no settlement, therefore took leave. Called on Henry Norton, made settlement in full, balancing an acc't of \$6/72 by paying \$3.66 - all in good harmony. Last day of Protracted meeting in E. Village under the able preaching of Mr Ide - Baptist clergyman from E. side the mountain. Many converts were said to have been bro't out during this interval. In coming down from J. Harwood's to the Village was met by T. Daniels Jr who turned round and went back to attend the P.M. meeting. G.P. was present at H. Norton's. Afterwards saw E. Montague to whom partially engaged the quarter of beef which remained on hand since Dec 23". Desired him to come and settle with me next day - he partly promised to do it. Visited P. Office - Heard Kellogg, Dr Gilbert & David Robinson Jun offer something on religious subjects - the latter in particular in opposition to the doctrine of Election as laid down by Calvinists - afterwards much was said respecting the Removal of Deposites which was advocated by David, Heman & Kellogg. Bank condemned, but advocated stoutly by I. Doolittle. Concluded the day by talking on religious subjects with J.L. Robinson who lent me a work on Theology by John Milton published in 1825 - found in the King's Library. In the evening perused Milton besides writing on business. Paid Postage on Temperance - 26" - making in full up to, an early day this month, 38 cents.

FRIDAY, JAN (4) #3 Cold, blowing N.W. wind. Morning 20, noon in shade 18 in fair sun 28 & 31 - evening 13 down to 8. Apple-trees were felled in C's orch'd and drawn up for fuel. S.H. Brown's stone wall bushed to prevent his sheep from getting on to wheat. Drily perused the pages of Milton in the evening. Geo was away - staid at H. Waters'. Late in the evening perused the Nullifying Message of Gov. Hayne of S. Carolina.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 4 Severely cold - hazy, N.W. w'd - morning 8, noon, fair sunshine 22 - even'g down to 10

Getting up appletree wood was continued assisted by Tho's Kent. Orchard almost cleared. About sunset started for town - halted a mom't to talk with Getty who said one of their mares he believed had the black Tongue - a distemper now very prevalent. At F. Blackmer's ordered 1 gallon lamp oil on cr - \$1.25 S S Scott being alone in the store - called up to the Post Office and rec'd a letter from Caleb Brown Esq, W'stown, Ms. dated 2d inst. Deferred opening it until after arrival home - was brot along by Jason Sibley Jun in a sleigh, to whom returned a compliment. On opening my letter found it fair & pleasant. Had rec'd rec't pr Gulliver They counted the money for \$785.16 but in haste - appeared not to dispute the mistake - would have sent on the \$10 that day had the not feared the risk of forwarding by mail - should soon have opportunity of forwarding otherwise, but still if I desired it, would send pr mail. Propoed coming up himself to visit his son at Ballard's School next week.

Respecting cheese sales - goes on thus - "I sold the first parcel, after getting it in store, for 7-1/2 cents. The weather was warm - and the cheese being so large it affected it some. I sold it for the price we sold our best Herkimer dairies at that time. I sold the late made - 2 casks for 7-3/4 - the balance for 7-1/2 to the same man that had the first part. Your cheese was good - It was casked too early for such large cheese - as the season turned out. I hope, should we trade again, to have the weather suit the cheese better than last fall. Had I been so lucky as to have it put up the 15th of Nov I could have got more a liitle - But the best dairies have in the best times sold for 8 cs. Altho' when we left it, it was dull, money very scarce, & hard times, cheese good selling for 7-1/2 cs. I sold 40 casks the 20th Dec. for 7-1/2 good cheese. Have 40,000 lbs now on the Grant. 3 large dairies we purchased there at 6-1/2 casked & deliv'd at Little Falls - which we think to try in the Spring, but can make no calculation how it will turn It is very hard times inn N.York now - no money is the cry - makes every thing low and dull. Please ride down and see me whenever conven't. If you wish the \$10 before I speak of coming (up) write me and I will send it by mail at any time. I hope you are all well. Resoeetfully Yours &c

Tho's C. Parsons came to tarry over night with us - Among other news mentioned the death of Mrs Martha, wife of Cornelius Stone of H. Falls Village, N.Y. Dec 31 1833 - from 65 to 66 yrs of age. Other people at that place in usual health.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 5 Continued extremely sharp and severe. M'g 10 - 17 & 18 mainly during the day - eve'g down to 8. All our females - J.A.W. & Hopkins walked to church. Lydia did not return at night with the rest. Spent time mostly writing - Mother 68 yrs old

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MONDAY, JAN'Y 6 Severe in the morning - mercury rather under" $\frac{1}{4}$ - tow'd noon rose to 20 - evening down to 12 Father & Geo chopped apple. I WAS AWAY WITH OLD LUMBER SLEIGH in E. village - having quarter of beef with me. Had shoes shod at H. Norton's - our old friend G. Norton being an assistant. He talked some of Universalism, in which he said Mr Abishai Kinsley, J. Starin & others were believers. Offered beef to Norton who did not want it because the price was too high - money scarce. Started for Montague's - took in Capt Upham who informed me M. was in the village. Looked in Weeks' bar room and found him - said he did not want the beef, but as he had said he would have it, so he would do - Requested me to try to dispose of it to some other person - I did - found those who wanted, but could not pay to my liking. Returned to Weeks' $\frac{3}{4}$ M told me his brother Smith had just gone up street with a sleigh - into which might have thrown s'd beef had I arrived in season - requested I would go that way and make further attempts at sale - He followed me, going up Meeting House hill - told of transacting business with Joel C. Rouse - now a Justice of the Peace - by whom on a former contract in which R. was a partner, he sustained a loss of about \$400 - tow'd which had agreed to take a waggon - indeed he had offered to discharge the debt in full for it and besides get the repairs done on the strength of the old affair - no signs of said waggon being forthcoming. For these repairs Esqr R. sued & received pay of M.

Faithful trial having been made to sell the beef, during which spent a part of the time at D. Clark's, at length it was conveyed directly to E. Montague's & safely lodged in his cornhouse loft. Walked into the house - Mrs M. made excuses about washing - I signified my impression that they were superfluous - Monday being the appropriate day for such employment. We proceeded to settle up acc't. His charges were \$7.50 for lime - \$8.78 for building foundation for barn - \$16.28 Mine for cider and discount on measurement of lime \$10.21 - \$5 for beef, 111 lbs, \$15.21 leaving balance in his favor of \$1.07 which I paid with exception of fraction which could not be done for want of change - promised it another day. Conversated in a manner very friendly, supp'd and came away about dark. Stopped a moment at B. R. Sears' - the mother, brother, wife & child at home - expected B. soon from drawing wood - waited a few moments & then came down street - met the man against As'l Hyde & Co's store - introduced & settled the point respecting the transportation of timber from Woodford in June last - the value of which was set at \$1.50 - to come out of a reserve made in our settlement on the first inst. of \$2.09 - leaving due him 59 cs which he desired might be paid in butter - I agreed to it. Halted at Sanford & Brown's - bought on book 1 gal. molasses 46", THREE o'z castor oil - 18 or 19". Entered Phelps' silver shop - bought on short or $\frac{1}{2}$ doz steel pens at 5" & 5 ft brass wire - together charging 34" Reached home an hour after dark - eve'g talked & read away agreeably.

The great Bank Documents were so monstrously prolix - had no patience to read them through.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y & 7 Nearly down to zero in the morning, remainder of the day stood not far from 17 - might say the highest rose to 22 - eve'g 16. Hazy, halo round sun - Apple trees E. of the house suffered - as far as chopped hauled on sled & by dray to the house. Friend Wight came early home - no school this day - Mr Sheldon had a removal & setting up of stove - and therefore made blank this day. Looked in Tradesmen's Guide this evening.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 8 S. wind, cldy - P.M. wind changed N M'g 23, noon 32, Eve. 26. G.P. & self threshed oats. Some more apple tree was drawn up (&) as well as previously chopped by hon. B. Harw'd Capt J. Hicks left us 2 tracts to keep & a third to be returned among which was a short acc't of his own life & conversion to Christianity. However for modesty's sake the initials of his name were only set down. Ambrose said in declaiming, by the powers of eloquence, caused some Academic ladies to shed tears - while he occupied the stage in B. Acad. Mr Rockwood had team & sled to transp't app. wood which we let him have. Rec'd line from Libeus Barney pr eldest son hearly 13, accompanied by the boy next younger, stating that he had been informed that I had lost by the prevailing distemper, called the "Black Tongue" a fatted hog which would weigh three or 400 lbs - desiring to know the truth of it. I sent verbal answer flatly negative - had lost none, nor had any to lose - but didn't know but that my name's sake at the N.p't of Bennington might have met with such misfortune. Commenced writing letter to Hon. H. Hall, H.R. U.S., finished two thirds of a page and went to bed.

THURS. JAN'Y 9 Mild, cldy - Ther 10 m'g, 44 fair sun noon, 27 eve'g Threshing oats ended. Suppose in the full yield amt'd to 32 bushels. See Aug 20, 1833. Friend J. Ambrose busy in these days rading Works of Byron. Added more to the Letter to our worthy Rep. Mr Hall.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 10 Calm, cldy - rather inclining to thaw. M'g 26, noon 46 - eve'g 22. Oats secured in bin. Began threshing wheat. S.H. Brown came with a young man whom he very familiarly addressed by the name of "Seth" who carried an axe - in quest of ash timber for plough beams. A tree of such was found in the N. meadow - felled by Seth assisted by G.P. & self. Price of butt deliv'd in E. Village, \$1., another standing near the Chatfield line was bargained, at the same price. Rec'd friendly visit from Hiram Waters & lady & little girl Ambrose & Adeline were early home from Academy in the evening. Sent off letter to Hon. H. Hall which in substance went to request subject of Deposites to be, including Taney's Reasons, compressed in as few words as possible in his reply to it. To inform thr Southern Memb's of the Spirit which prevailed in Vermont against the Bug Bear Antislavery. Of our opinion here that And Jackson had swallowed whole machinery of Gov't - No need of the 2 houses of Cong. or the Judiciary. Requested names of persons supposed to belong to the Kitchen Cabinet. Mentioned my wish, if education & wealth had fallen to my lot, to visit Washington at the present season of the year - without office or place, but as an independent spectator.

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Requested a description of leaders of parties - likewise of those who were most modest, unassuming, pleasant companions - not disposed to stir the waters of strife. Then had a paragraph alluding to the privations awaiting a Memb. of Congress - the erroneous opinion of some people of the happiness to be enjoyed in that station - my own impression to the contrary of that - a few words alluding to the separation from family & friends - Getting a little beyond my depth in the sentimental backed out by saying that I was a little like the old preacher, Mr Marshall, who formerly used to give us now & then a Sermon in an eccentric style, being one morning at the house of a pious member of our church, undertook, in asking a blessing, to name every dish in succession, but before he had proceeded far found himself in want of names which he supplied by saying "O Lord thou knowest what to call it." Closed by wishing him health, long life and prosperity. The above anecdote was not inserted in the letter. I only compared myself to the Rev'd gentleman so far as I lacked the power of expression.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 11 Cold severe. S. wind ending in a driving fine snow toward the conclusion of the day - the snow, however, amounted to nothing as to sleighing. Thermometer ranged from 22 to 30. Continued threshing winter wheat. The ash tree mentioned on Friday was trimmed out by B. Harwood. H. Waters was employed at drawing wood from his lot down to the main road assisted by Billy Ault. Rec'd Bank Report in pamphlet form per H. Hall Esq., H. Rep. Also package Spectators from Maj. L. Norton, down to Jan 6, containing speeches of Clay in Senate & McDuffee in H. of Rep. of which the latter I read a part - very powerful - Also there was the best letter from Jack Downing ever yet published - Spec of Dec 26. We all very nearly died of laughter during its perusal. Sat up late.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 12 S. wind, cloudy, fine rain until near 12 - toward evening turned round to be cold - Thermom. ranged from 34 to 46. Perused much of Congressional matter. There was McDuffie's excellent speech on Deposits & Jack Downing's Letter announcing his official paper - In Spect of Dec 30, 1833. Mr Wight & our 3 ladies rode to meeting & returned rather late in the day. Adeline st'd all night. Benj. Harwood, first born of Bennington, was this day 72 years of age, in good health and yet able and actually does perform as much manual labor as any man of ~~years~~ his years.

MOND. JAN'Y 13 Wind furiously high from W & N.W., very tedious. Degrees of cold being in the morning 21, noon 30, Eve. 18 Very icy, bad sleighing, but solid wheeling. Team & sled forwarded to the barn formerly the property of Isaac T. Robinson for the transportation of rye boat of J. F. Robinson - grain not ready for delivery - so Geo & self proceeded in one horse wagg. to Hinsdill & Swift's where a bill of goods for him was taken up which I did not examine - charged to my a/c - to which was added for self, Manilla cord - 15" - & paper mix'd pins 15", total 30". Saw Joel Thorn

who on the 6th Dec'r bo't cow of us - took occasion gently to remind him of the promise of payment - said he should pay ere long - complained of bzd times - pleased with the cow. Onnour way back to town made short halt at Sam'l Robinson's Sen'rs - aunt Sarah well - men gone away Got up to the barn in season for getting rye, which, having made an effort to find a riddle in the neighborhood to pass it through, rec'd the grain under a stipulation that we might riddle it ourselves & pay what was right after getting it home, being passed but once through the fanning mill. Jay Ballard, assisted by an Irishman, measured up the grain, of which there were 30 bhl's - all got safely home by George P. I was much amused for awhile at the P. Office hearing some running remarks on Religion by David Jun. & J.S. Robinson & afterwards by Mr Asa Hyde on that portion of Modern History which treats of the Knights Templars near the commencement of the 14th Century, which Order he said presented to us much of our sacred as well as profane historical knowledge. Wrote line to E. Montague enclosing fraction due on ~~xxx~~ settlem't & left it Love's with Albro - see Jan'y 6 tow'd close. Business occasioned a call at the Bank - saw there Anthony Breese - doing well. Let me say Mr Hyde also spoke of the Old Charter Oak in Hartford which he said was still alive & curiously enclosed for the inspection of strangers. At F. Blackmer's bo't on a/c 10 galls first rate Eng. Isl'd molasses at 43" weighed on his balances, including cask, 124 lbs. Agreed with Frank for reading his paper one year from first of the pres't ~~month~~ month, that is the N.Y. Spectator, which must be returned to him, \$2.00 Would have settled acc'ts with S. Chandler had he been ready.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 14 Tolerably fair, pretty temperate, broken clouds. Thermom. morn'g 18 - noon 46 - eve. 26 - Three lds ash wood drawn to the wood pile & 2 logs and a piece plough beam timber for S.H. Brown & Co deliv'd at the Grover Furnace, E. Vill. which as was agreed stands charged to S.H.'s private acct with me. The ash tree standing near the Chatfield line was felled & cut out on the 13th by B. Harwood. John F. Robinson's rye was riddled & measured over - falling short 1/2 bhl from first measurement. Settled & paid off Mr John W. Cobb Merch't, with the exception of \$10.84 which according to contract stood over to first of June next - Pres't bill amt'g to \$42.12 to meet which in full gave him an order on Mr Raymond for \$17.00 In the hurry of the mom't Mr C. by mere mistake pocketed a silver mounted pencil of mine, thinking it his own which he had just been using as I presume. Perused papers in the evening.

WED. JAN'Y 15 Fair, high dry N.W. wd mg 12, noon 26, night 12 & 10. We threshed the last 300 sheaves of wint. wht. Benj Harwood encountered wood pile. J.A. Wight out of school most of the day I perused Milton's Theology some & looked over speeches of Benton & Polk for Rem'l of Dep's, in the eve'g.

THURS. JAN'Y 16 Fair, some little hazy, rather below 3 in the morn'g Noon 40, eve'g bearly 19, 10 o'clock 23. Wheat, say 24 bhl's winnowed by Geo P. & self thro' fanning mill. Afterwards cleared Litt. Meadow of appletree body and brush, not only of that but 2 others of same kind - said brush being thrown down steep bank W. side the brook by a large shady maple. Benj Harwood Esq performed something handsome at sawing, splitting & otherwise preparing wood for stove. J.A. Wight also wrought with the axe in our service, good part of the day, very weary at night - would, however, read Byron, both day & night - Enjoyed it well

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B R Sears & Norman Daniels were employed at getting wood on Hiram Watrs land SW on the side of Mt Anthony. Much amused in the eve'g reading Jack Downing's Cabinet paper in which there appeared a good deal of fair reasoning. Commenced going through the last part of Mr Clay's great speech on the Removal of the Deposites. Drowsiness however compelled me to postpone it to another day.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 17 Very rauny, unpleasant, thawed up considerably. Therm ranged from 40 to 48 Had not rained, excepting in a slight way. for many weeks. Several hours of the morning were devoted to the perusal of Mr Clay's excellent speech. Mr Wight was most intensely engaged in devouring Lord Byron's Poetry by wholesale. George endeavored to begin making a splint broom, but failed for want of proper material. With him, we took command of team & sled for the purpose of getting home remainder of J.F. Robinson's rye, went up street. Visited the bank - Cashier & Stephen Dewey present. Called for the remainder of the 300 dollars, left in his care on the 31st Dec last without having it counted at the time of deposit. He produced the bundle, parcel or whatever it may be termed, along with my 2 orders in favor of J. Doolittle & J.W. Cobb as recorded in this book Jan 2 & 14, together amounting to \$217 which subtracted therefrom would leave \$83.00 - when, lo, after the Cashier had counted it over twice, there remained but sixty three. This made us stare - this left open a wide field of conjecture - not of dishonesty on either side as to what in person either of us had done. I supposed he had committed a mistake in counting it out - He thought I had inadvertently drawn upon it, to amount lacking, before handing it over to him. I regretted much not having it counted at that time. The history of it was thus, as near as my recollection runs - Dec 30 P.M. rec'd \$776.16 pr Gulliver from Caleb Brown in paym't for cheese, mostly in foreign bills which were strictly counted, at least twice, by the Cashier, & lastly by Gulliver himself, so as to be sure, because there was a deficiency of \$10.00 in payment, the particulars of which were noted down for that day. Most of said money, for accommodation of Bank, was exchanged for its paper which was paid over in parcels, one of which was labelled \$300 and as I thought at the moment were all counted over by Mr Raymond, the cash'r, but as he now informed me, the parcel in question was not counted, but deliv'd over just as he had rec'd it from one of the Banks in Troy. To make the story short I took that & all the rest of the money, excepting \$50.22 paid the bank on note of Sept 3d home with me - kept it in safety over night. Next morning proceeded to parcel out & label my money for every creditor to whom I calculated to make payment that day - and that without ever drawing a single bill from the \$300 parcel or so much as opening it; but for my own satisfaction, set my wife to counting it. She made \$297.00 then handing it to our cousin George P. Harwood to count, nor did either of them open it - the result was \$300.00 which made me satisfied - Never more meddled with it until I returned

it to the cashier for safekeeping towards the close of that day. Didn't go through the formality of an entry on Banks books. The cashier entered on the wrapper my name - that it purported to be \$300.00. See Dec 31 & Jan'y 1. Mr R. felt quite unhappy respecting it & I felt no less so. He believed himself so correct in counting that he was almost sure of having committed no mistake and was sure that I had paid out so much more than I was aware of. To satisfy him on that point I promised to bring him a statement of my cash payments since the 30th ult, as well as cash rec'd that day & what was on hand. I did execute said statement in the evening and the result proved me the loser of \$20.

Very peaceably handed over to John F. Robinson for rye which he supposed would very nearly come up to 50 bbls the sum of \$37 subject to deduction if the quantity failed coming up to 50. Kinsley Briwn was there, that is on the P.O. and mentioned the death of a young lady, daughter of his neighbor Mr Noble, by having a thing cut out of her breast, supposed to be a cancer, by Doct Lem Sherwood Jun who was employed 2 hrs in the operation, the patient bleeding like a butchered hog all the while, ending in immediate dissolution. Proceeded to Sam'l Chandlers and immediately made settlement of accounts which on my part since Dec 26th 1833 amounted to \$12.18 against which he brought \$11.10 balanced by due bill of \$1.08 payable in blacksmithing. Called on Hiram Waters for settlement - very ready - but butternut boards not being measured out the day too far spent, postponed it to another day. He was working up stuff furnished by Lathrop of Arlington for his great mansion now being built. I took out a letter which I had taken out of the P.O. FROM a lady of Hoosick Falls of late date, which after looking partially through, pocketed again. J.A. Wright dropped in a few moments. All safe home in the evening. Settled accts this evening with Getty & Wright, who were both present. My charges amounted to \$4.99, theirs to \$4.17, balance due 82 cts which was so minuted on settlement paper and on book. It included everything up to this date excepting 60 cents for use of lumber sleigh to Salem, N.Y. IN Dec last which Getty said, as it was a concern of his own, he would pay soon. Came here this morning our cousin N.L. Robinson with his lady to whom he stated he was privately married last evening by Col O.C. Merrill at the house of David Love Esq. Though there was no wedding, in the popular understanding of the word, yet there were witnesses enough to make it valid. They came down in waggon - started away, after taking breakfast, in our cutter with intention of going to a protracted meeting at Lanesboro, M's under the preaching of the Rev'd Horatio Foote. George got home with 19 bbls crude rye from J.F.R.'s to be yet passed through riddle.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 18 Thaw continued, a good deal of rain had fallen - streams up - snow had gone off very considerably. Ther. mg at 40 afterw'd 45. As agreed upon, visited the cashier with my statement of cash receipts & Payments

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commencing Dec 30 1833 when there was on hand cash of \$12.49 - Rec'd pr C. Brown \$776.16 - added together amounted to \$788.65. I perceive however that a small mistake was made committed in taking my cash account from the original, I mean my cash book, and carrying it to said paper, where for \$12.49 it reads \$12.19 which as exhibited to the cashier made up \$788.35, but that does not invalidate my case. To the sum aforesaid was added \$1.75 pr B. Sears making total \$790.10 Then adding together all the payments made \$739.10, cash in hand \$30.72 made total \$769.82 leaving a deficiency of \$20.28 But by correcting the little mistake above there would be but the fraction of 2 cts out of the way, which for a coarse blundering farmer like me is coming pretty close to the mark. At one time by adding \$17. to the whole am't paid Mr Cobb, the Dr & Cr c coming within \$2 or \$3 of balancing, the Cashier in his wrath let out upon me most furiously even to cursing me and I began to suspect myself deserving of something pretty smart, even almost in the face of what I could almost swear to. He bade me never to trouble him more with my money - that I had caused his reputation to suffer, and ought to go to all that had heard my statement of the matter and clear it up. Acknowledged myself much in fault, would do as he requested but begged to be pardoned, as no one would think any/ either of us more dishonest on account of this affair - it would show one or the other an honest blunderer. After this storm had subsided I pointed out to him the mistake in our casting which he very readily saw & Acknowledged - still could hardly give it up but that he had been correct - possibly he might have committed a mistake in paying out to the order pr Doolittle. Before leaving put in his hands this book in which he saw all particulars & found my statement fully borne out to nearly the uttermost cent. Just before my exit Capt D. Robinson Jun came in to ask advice in some affair on Bond or Note which I did not understand - the capt. complimenting me for keeping Journ'l - telling me it would be a comfort and satisfaction in old age - even it would go to prolong life. I allowed it but little merit, telling him, in allusion to this case, that many unpleasant incidents had to be recorded which would serve rather to harrow up painful recollections than promote good feeling. Left and went into the P.O. $\frac{3}{4}$ John F. ROB. RETURNED 21 CTS WHICH I had overpaid for rye - said that he would see that the last load of rye after riddling, should be all made right. Called next to Mr S.F. Phelps to whom was due 2/0 - asked him to wait on me awhile, said he would - Also gave his opinion that Mr Raymond, by accepting my bundle of money as \$300 laid himself under full responsibility to make me good for every dollar of it. Proceeded in waggon to Doolittle's mill & on laying the case before our friend Asahel Harwood, he began to scour up his recollection. He stated that when the cashier counted out the money to him, he threw it out on the counter in parcels - and before leaving the counter counted it himself twice - the first time making it \$20 too much, which rather surprised him, but 2d time coming out the same as the Cashier he thought no more of it - recollected there were some large bills, as high as twenties. The next thing that drew his attention was in settling up his cash a/c - last Saturday night when the

Dr over-ran the Cr \$20 This encouraged me highly - staid an hour two for him to go through his figures in which I gave some assistance. It resulted in much the same, the sum being \$21 and a fraction over. He said he wanted to put it over until evening when he could go at it deliberately, wishing to bring it out exact if possible, telling me at the same time not to take too much courage - it might be all a mistake in him. Among others at the mill saw Elisha Downs, Mr Hamlen and David Harwood. Left and came up to Hiram Waters', ASSISTED said Hiram in measuring three hundred & four feet 1-1/4 inch butternut boards, which at \$1.50 pr hund. came to \$4.56. Went into the house, where the ladies, Mrs W., Miss H. Albro & my daughter A. were in high spirits. I executed some writing for him and then we exhibited & compared accounts, which on my part amounted to \$33.36 and on his, including \$2 for cross cut saw, the one half of which was set to us, plate costing him at Hinsdill & Swift's \$3.38 - full am't of acc't was \$34.67 leaving difference in his favor of \$1.31 which was balanced by endorsing same am't on note of Feb 2 1833. Our settlement was made under the most pleasing impressions and mutual good feeling. The prospect of business was very fair for H. W. ³ we took the c.c. saw and came home about dark. Adeline & Hopkins forming my party. B. & G.P. Harwood winnowed the wheat mentioned on Thursday - which held out to be only 23 bbls fair quality. The 2 h. waggon was placed on the floor of the old barn for safe keeping. Wight Ambrose J. enjoyed poor health this day.

SUNDAY, JAN. 19 Thaw continued - rained in the evening after having been uniformly cldy all day. Thermometer ranging from 34 to 40. Executed much writing, say 1700 words in about 118 lines. Hopkins drove for the ladies to ride to church where Mr Hooker officiated as usual. Rec'd visit from Ira B. Dewey who laid before us 2 letters from his people mainly stating that they were in usual health & circumstances - some news of neighborhood concerns, marriages, deaths, removals &c. The past season had been wet & cold - very little corn produced in that part of the country. Rec'd a call from our friends Orin & S.W. Daniels, by whom it was announced that the former with family & effects, on account of debts would leave for the West in the course of the present night & could give me no better security than fair promises to pay demands in my hands amounting to over \$30. I would almost in spite of him have a settlement which resulted in putting an endorsement, including a fraction of 18-1/2 cts now paid, of \$11 on note of Dec 24 1833. Said endorsement only went to reduce those demands to what I have just stated them to be. They supp'd & departed - friend Or Wappee appearing to be in very low spirits, appetite very poor. See Nov 22 & Dec 24 1832 - former month in 1833. Mr Wight low in health, could not go to meeting. Devoted evening principally to writing.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 20 Severe cutting wind all day from N.W. Thermometer up to 38 in the morning - late in the evening 16 - frozen up very solidly. With grist of wheat visited the grist mill of Isaac Doolittle - entertaining but little doubt but that the money would be handed over. However, eventually found

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myself disappointed. My friend A. Harwood at first seemed almost ready to pay over, went to work adding his accounts of cash & counting money on hand - bringing it out at one time that cash Dr over ran Cr by something over \$14.00, at another that it turned the other way more than \$20. That is that Dr side lacked so much of balancing Cr. He wanted to know if I desired him to hand over unless he were sure of having had the money? I replied that I did not. The more he worked at his figures, the more obscure they were, and if I rightly understood him, they were inexplicably even to himself. In this state of uncertainty, after getting grinding done, came away. I think my friend A.H. said something as to being obliged to pay the said money, unless proof could be bro't of his having it. I believe I answered that I supposed he could not, but added if it were a fact, he would be a mean fellow - upon which Mr Hamlen, assistant miller, exclaimed - Who wouldn't be called a mean fellow for \$20. I rejoined that I would not incur the application for any sum whatever. There were some customers coming & going whose names I did not particularize, my mind being in a good deal of agitation. On my return to Town called at F. Blackmer's and there related as near as I could the particulars of this strange case - Capt P. Dewey being present. So, anxious did I feel to know positively that there was no mistake on my part, that I exhibited my cash account to Mr Blackmer who after a careful examination pronounced it correct - showing a deficiency of \$20.28. I told him I could account for the fraction satisfactorily. Proceeded to the Bank, saw the Cashier and laid the case before him - and he seemed willing to do everything fair respecting it - would go next day and see about it - would examine A.B.'s cash account - went to Sanford & Browns, saw books. Hiram Waters was there and said he had been to our house and executed some work in his line - setting out mortices for big gate while G.P. drove team for him. After leaving Street called at Mrs Dexter's - left for her son Henry to carry with him to N.Y. a letter to Arnold, Leggett & Lapham, which I wrote while at the mill, giving information of having rec'd nearly all my pay of C. Brown for cheese - stating prices which he wrote me he had sold his best at - requesting them to state how high they had sold the past fall - for I was surprised to find he could get no more for ours the quality of which he always praised - that when I was there understood it sold, best quality at 9¢. Stated to them that probably should have about 2000 lbs of said article - wished them to write me early - say first of March at any rate what the article would be worth in market - how they would sell it for me - that is what commission they would charge provided I were at the expense & risk of transportation. Left a paper for the use of Mr B in searching out a stiff retailer of cheese in the City who might be disposed to buy large dairies to write me how &c.

The widow of Doct J.M.Wells was there. Henry would start tomorrow morning was this P.M. ON business at the N.pt of Bennington. First heard of the failure of William G. Henry, Merch't & Manufacturer on the old premises of his father. Broke for \$17,000. Geo worked at gate in the eve'g I perused papers & Jour'l. Mr Wight remained unwell.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 21 Very powerful NW wd, cldy, mg 6, eve'g 10 - visited street again, Called on H. Waters who went up with me to L. Patchin & Co where under his inspection bo't a set of augurs, chgd to my a/c \$3.50 Either before or after being at the store called at the Bank where saw the President & Cashier together, to whom said something further respecting the money. H. Waters & others joked on the subject of Henry's failure. Left augurs at (Hen) Coffins' to be handled, & ret'd home 1 or 2 P.M., ASSISTED IN SAWING UP APPLE TREE WOOD. Geo & J. Ambrose performed at chopping. Cows stabled at an earlier hour than usual. Finished reading Mr Clay's great Deposit Speech, very fine I think. An awful cold night.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 22 Severe, very fair, Nearly down to zero in the morn'g about up to 8 - middle of the day in the shade, 6 in the eve'g. Once more up street. At F. Blackmer's bo't for medicinal use, pint St Croix rum, booked o/9. Heard Col G. Blackmer discourse on Universalism. F's thermometer this m'g was down quite to, or a little below zero. Capt P. Dewey was there. Left with Coffin timber for augur handles. At Loves saw a collection of neighbors & friends together among whom can name capt D. Rob., jr, Col M. Norton, gen'l Henry Robinson M.L. Selden, Mr Jac Pool, Col O.C. Merrill, Jesse Loomis & others, giving attention to stories of feats performed by certain members of the old Cogniac Lodge, some 30 or 35 years ago, in the capt. Sam & lawyer Nathan Robinson, Jonathan Hunt &c. Mr Pool stated many particulars respecting Dr David Hunt, then a young man - showing him to be a real high Buck as we say - some of his scrapes used to cost his father hundreds of dollars. But since the old gentleman's decease had reformed, becoming an eminent physician, very wealthy, doing great business in the druggist line. Ed'd Savage started in the N. stage for Manchester. I wanted to see Joel H. Thomas - they said he was coming up street, but growing impatient walked to his father's where first heard the news of Turner Hills breaking, and that my friend T. was there trying to have a debt secured. I immediately made the best of my way across lots & by main road to town again. Where it was since or before going to Thomas' cannot exactly recollect, but at any rate spent some time at Benj F. Fay's where I WAS TOLD BY B.F.F. that on Monday morning he saw me at the mill & heard Asahel Harwood say that he supposed he had got \$20 of my money, or words to that effect. Mr F. stated the same to Mr Raymond subsequently with the addition of particulars of his saying so just as I have in sight.

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This morning forwarded line to Williamstown, or left such line at the P. O. to Caleb Brown Esq requesting payment of \$10., for reasons therein stated. If he expected to come here soon, didnt care to have the money until then, otherwise to forward pr mail. Gave notice of wintering 2000 lbs cheese. Saw Mr Abisha Kinsley & bargained for all the rye he had on hand if it should not exceed 50 bbls at 75¢ deliv'd at our house. Left line to A. Harwood countermanding a verbal agreement with him to buy for me & store at the mill - wrote out & closed it in presence of F Blackmer with whom it was lodged. Rec'd 3 handled augers pr M. Coffin or rather rec'd the handles separate, price 1/6, and then had them put on by S. Chandler. At F. Blackmers heard lawyer Squires talk up on Religion a short time, & afterwards going to the door saw J H Thomas along with Mr Fisk, beckoned to me to come to him, which I did. Said he was prepared to pay me. Walked directly into Bar Room at A. Hinsdill's where he paid me the balance due for cow, \$13., gave receipt in full for the same. Mr H. Kellogg was present - talked a good deal with Thomas on T. Hill's affairs. T. said he had failed of getting security for his debt. David Armstrong & others were warming themselves by Hinsdill's Franklin. So came home.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 23 Coldest weather there had been yet. Very strong cutting wind blew from N.W. 4 below zero morn'g, 12 above at or near noon, eve'g down to 4 above. Very fair. Geo & self took c.c. saw and visited at Getty's - drank some cider - G. went to town with us. Visited Bank where saw again President & Cashier together, some consultation was held on no matter what. Spoke to the former respecting his Cyclopoedia - a volume of which he tacitly agreed I might borrow. Called at the P.O. ³/₄ CAME THENCE TO Dr's where tarried a good while reading Cyc. Saw Mr Birney's long speech in N.Y. Amer. Extra. Saw a young clergyman there whose name was understood to be Henderson. They invited me to a cold cut, but refused. Went to Sanford & B's & staid awhile, where perhaps told my story mnce too much - Mr Getty present, with whom after getting "24 V. of Cyclopoedia at Dr S's, started for home. Halted a little while at H. Waters' where the subject of Religion was talked of - then came directly home. Something done at wood, affairs at the barn well looked to. Evening, perused Encyclopoedia. Adeline read over the first pages of my jour'l Vol 4 1815 to 1817. Deaths of M. Atwood & Mrs Hinman. Our good friend W.S. Southworth on his return from Pownal on foot, put in for the night with us - very sociable Spoke with Mr Wight on poetry made by Charles Brown in 1825 or 6 - W. off to bed very early.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 24 No abatement of cold - fair. 6 below zero morn'G
ROSE AFTERWARD NOT HIGHER THAN 18 and by 11 in the
eve sank to 1 below zero. High wind from NW. We continued employed
ab't wood. Attempted to use the c.c.saw but it would not operate right
ly - presumed it was not in proper order. J.A.Wight assisted in pil-
ing and splitting wood. Eve'g read Article in part on Memory. N L.R
Robinson arrived from great meeting in Lanesboro, safe & sound, left cut
ter near S. line of Pow'l - neighborhood of N.W.Hill, Williamstown, M's.
They tarried very briefly here - drove home as we presume.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 25 Cutting N.wd but much less like a gale than on the
preceding day. Six degrees below zero m'g - 13 at
sunset - 8 o'clock up to 16, growing mild, day hazy. Henry Warren & Th
Thomas Kent performed either of them well at working up wood - the lat-
ter very powerfully at sawing. Geo having become convinced of the bad
condition of the new C.C.Saw, went off up street to get it put in order.
Found our old friend Samuel Scott at F.Blackmer's who gave it as his
opinion that no man in the country knew better how to set such a saw,
than himself, made trial of it in Coffin's shop - could make no impress-
ion - pronounced it poor property - blade too thick - stuff not good.
Whereupon Geo leaving that either at that shop or at H.Waters' proceeded
to Grovers', E.Village, borrowed Waters' old tenon saw, came home with,
tried (it) awhile & laid it aside - continued working up appletree wood
principally to end of the day. Mr Wight also gave assistance. Cattle
stabled early. It was a tedious day to work in open air. Hopkins came
home with Temperance paper and a letter from Mr H.Hall, dated Washing-
ton, Jan 19 1834 - Liked it well & at a more wonven't season may either
copy or give a sort of review thereof.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 26 Snowed, or nearly hailed to begin with. Thermometer
up to nearly freezing point - past noon storm ceas-
ed. P.M. wd started up, snow flew like feathers awhile - tow'd eve'g
more calm. Cold increasing. Mrs S.Harwood, son & daughter visited church
PM only - J.A.W. all day. Too busy at writing to read much. However,
late in the eve'g perused Christ's sermon on the Mount.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 27 In the main was a rough cold day, cldy, wd NW 14 or 1
15 in the m'g, so at noon in fair sun, eve'g past 9
stood at 12. Time unprofitably & certainly uncomfortably spent princi-
pally in town. Chief object being to learn the standing of a certain in-
dividual, and to inquire some further how the Cashier had succeeded in
his interview with a certain gentleman on Saturday last - Strange sub-
terfuges seemed to be resorted to - Dr side under \$4. could not tell
yet but that the money might be found - At the bank saw Wm Henry Esq
with his brother David - after the latter withdrew - Also Hyde Esq came
in and stated that there was bad news from Patterson, N.J., 4 or 5 facto-
ries had stopped - a large number of people consequently thrown out of
employment - Having heard Mr H.expatriate pretty freely on assumption of
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er by the Pres. U.S., withdrew and paid a short visit to B.R. Sears & family - bro't home with me a lively letter from Mary Ann's mother dated from Christmas to N. Year's. Before getting home made halt at F. Blackmer's, conversed friendly awhile - got 3 numbers Spectator and left. Also, before going to F.B's, made short visit at Hiram Waters'. H.W. ~~was~~ employed Rood & team in getting wood. George & our team & sled were in his service - getting down wood from place of deposit in woods to the head of lane leading out to the road. N.L. Robinson returned cutter from Pownal, for which paid me \$1 $\frac{3}{4}$ Bennington money. Perused a part of Mr Binney's speech on Removal of Deposits. Father suspended hams in smoke house - sawed wood &c - Mr Wight chopped well & late in the day visited town - saw a black man 88 yrs of age who was present at many battles of the Revolution - among others those of Bunker Hill & Fort Griswold - actually saw Ledyard killed.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 28 Temperate, cldy, some heavy S. wd - fair in part.

Thermom'r 18 in the morning - 26 or perhaps higher main part of the day - Eve'g 23. Full of vile apprehensions in regard to some money affairs - sent private line to Dr N. Swift this morning, reasoning some on the cashier's late unfortunate blunder, wishing to know, provided he were satisfied he had paid over my money to --- whether I ought to be the loser. Desired him to see to it - and after saying what I had put in the hands of a certain gentleman who was represented by some as in bad standing, enquired if it were so? Requested reply by Hopkins. In the eve'g rec'd bills from the Doctor in which he engaged to inquire into my case. Assured me of the good standing of the above (named) mentioned gentleman. This seemed to allay my fears wonderfully. Also rec'd a letter from Caleb Brown Esq enclosing \$10. pay in full for cheese. Had been to the W. to see a sick brother. The business of cutting up, splitting & piling wood was continued. Ox sled shod & otherwise put in order for running. Mr Wight prepared for going to Billstown - made a rough box in which to convey a part of his property. Adeline came home in the eve'g. H. Waters himself & two hands & teams drew wood from his domain.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 29 Fair, severe in the mg - say 11 or 18 - noon 42, eve 9 & 4. Same business. Geo. conveyed Hopkins, Adeline and Aunt Lydia up street. He performed some minor business at the stores of F. Black'r & L. Patchin & Co - came home by way of the Atwood place - saw J. Norton measuring up oats at his barn - informed him of my wish to get my quota of brandy - said he was not prepared to do it, so he procured 3 quarts of the precious article and safely returned - The business at the stores was on our own account - Brandy was designed for medicinal purposes. Mr J.A. Wight, after getting his baggage on board of stage going S., left on foot for Williamstown late in the morning - forwarded by him a line to C. Brown acknowledging rec't of \$10 in full of cheese con't

also sent another to N. Swift giving sincere thanks for information given in his communication of last evening & condemning the evil practice of crying down in terms like these - equally cruel to Dr & Cr. Entered into some particulars which may be learned about half way down the page whereon is entered Jan'y 17. P.M. Hopkins was at home, early in the eve' waited upon his aunt Lydia home from H. Waters. - Great part of the eve'g spent in looking over Gov'r Marcy's excellent message to the Leg. of NY AT THE BEGINNING of their present session. Liked him well on banking. Besides proceeded through many paragraphs of Mr Binney's fine Deposit Speech in reply to Mr Polk & in answer to the Reasons of Mr Sec'y Tancy

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 30 Mild for the season - pretty wholesome weather for out-doors employ'f. Signs of rain - S wd & broken clds. Sunrise 22 - noon & past 48 - eve 22. Wood business contin'd, assisted by Henry Warren who related many instances of having been defrauded by those who claim to be the first gentlemen in community. On the 23d or 24th inst in the morning when the thermometer in open air stood at 4 & 6 below zero, the temperature of the water coming through our aqueduct into the kitchen was tried & found to be 38, which experiment was promised to be repeated on some very hot day in summer, provided we should live to see it.

A billet to H. Waters requesting to have a crick-bedst'd built exactly like this was forwarded pr Hopkins in the morning - Geo complained of lame back, occasioned by a late fall. Went on reading more of Mr Birney the present evening - learned some facts respecting Bank'g new to me, & indeed for that matter much of it remains to be new to me - up to my 75th year. Ladies made 26/10/12 candles, which excepting 2 weighed 40-1/2 lbs. Quantity of tallow on hand in the morning amounted to about 100 lbs, of which 83-10/16 lbs were accu'y w'd.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 31 Very fine, even to spring warmth - mg 22 - tow'd noon 58 - evening 28 - some mud - snow going off a pace. Benj Harwood was the only hand employed on wood. G.P. feeling himself rather the worse for wear - improved this fine day in riding abroad with me. We trusted not to snow, but were seated in waggon. Conveyed basket of apples to H. Waters & 8-6/16 lbs butter to Benj R. Sears for which rec'd balance of 83" after deducting 59" due on a/c as mentioned on the 6th inst tow'd bott. page. Also (paid) rec'd fraction of 8" on an old affair. Conversated with the good folks awhile - bargained for 2d hand buck-saw which did not now see fit to bring away - looked at cooking stove with which was pleased. Left & visited the house of Mr John Vail - all gone to meeting but old folks & boy. But let me go back and take these little occurrences in due order - Left with my good fr'd S. Clark a few apples as a compliment for lining or say faint-lining paper - See Dec 21 - On road to Mr V's met many ore teams loaded for the furnace, & at last met Ira B. Dewey with 4 good horses & new waggon well laden with ore in the service of neighbor Pierce. Spent a few moments in conversation & parted. This interview took place nearly in front of the dwelling of Mr V. We went in & were politely rec'd by the old gent who held us in friendly chit chat perhaps an hour - his lady being present most of the time, putting in a word occasionally. The chief topic was manner of dealing among men, the late failures & necessity of economy, prudence and honesty - There was something said respecting what may be understood by turning back to Dec. 14

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We were invited to examine his newly erected horse-barn which externally exhibited above the sills a fine finish, clapboarded & painted off in style - after going through it mostly, pronounced it good, notwithstanding the almost total absence of underpinning, low situation, & great deficiency in snugness & warmth - to say nothing of a low bad roof consisting of very miserably made shingles, or even, as we had been previously told by joiners employed in putting them on, that they were worn out 2d hand shingles. One object had in this visit was to see if they were going to sell cows the ensuing spring. The old gent said they were not. So we ret'd into the Street. I halted at col. Blackmer's to see Hiram, but failing, proceeded to the bank. Geo went forward to H. Waters', left horse & wagg., went to meeting - heard sermon by Mr Foote, the celebrated Revivalist. At the Bank exchanged \$7 foreign for Bennington money, talked some with the cashier respecting that unpleasant business of the 18th & 20th inst, from which it appeared there was prevarication, duplicity or anything you please, to cover a certain transaction. Mr D. Thought the man was honest, had discovered that their cash was flush \$4. Cashier thought they would yet come at it. Saw E. Montague who mentioned a cash entry against me in a hand book, sometime in Nov 1831 - \$5 - pd at F. Blackmer's store. Told him I could not at that mom't recollect the circumstance, would examine books at home & see how it was, If I were in fault would make it right. He informed me of the prospect existing of his being drawn into difficulty with Turner Hills affairs, by way of signing note to an Albany bank, which had been paid up by Hills & thereby as he conceived clearing it, but said note afterwards remaining in the hands of D.D. Conklin, was by him put in D. Robinsin's Jun custody, and by the latter put in suit against M. for \$200. M. told me of a very crafty plan which he had devised & partly executed to bring the wily Conkling to his bearings. It would seem that that man had gone far to ward accomplishing the ruin of our fair & honorable neighbor Hills. He failed himself in business here some 12 or 13 years since. If I should examine my jour'l for 1820 or 21 could ascertain the date of that event however I think it was during the winter of 1821, and a great many of his customers were well convinced of his fraudulent management in dealing. Called at the Post Office, rec'd Mr Birney's speech on Deposites in pamphlet form, in conformity with the engagem't of Mr Hall in his letter of Jan'y 19. Also a letter to Geo P. Harwood, entered at Pottsdam, N.Y. for which I handed over 18-3/4 cts. Looked at a periodical exhibiting curious specimens of architectural beauty, such as the court house in Troy &c. price \$3 per an - Mr Kellogg tried to flatter me that I ought to have such a work, that I was able. I replied in a way to show that I was far from it. Came to F. Black's, talked over the same subject alluded to in my interview with the cash'r, rec'd Spectator of Jan 23d - made short halt at H. Waters & came home. Must mention seeing capt P. Dewey at F.B's who took a good deal of interest in certain affairs. After seeing everything as it should be at the barns, having held short discourse with H. Waters as he was retiring from the business of the day, drawing wood & rails off his mountain, S.H. Brown wood lot, with 2 teams one of which was managed by D. Rockwood, & being encouraged by said conversation in the hope that everything would work rightly & properly in regard to my affairs, devoted great part of the evening to reading Mr Calhoun's noble Deposit Speech, which did not finish - used up both Tancy & Dr Jackson.

Besides the speech, read cous. G.P.'s letter of Jan 23d from his tried friend Mr Seeval Raymond, Mercht, Pottsdam, in regard to some inquiries of the former in regard to an old Church difficulty. The advice he gave I think was excellent - his style & handwriting, in my view, were handsome. Mr Foote preached a sermon this evening which was heard by cous G., SIST L., MY SPOUSE & son - house said to be pretty full. As to Montague's cash entry, I had it particularized in Day Book & cash book Nov 28 1831

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 1 Very like spring. 22 in mg, above 60 at noon, eve 26.

Large gate leading into the N. Orch'd a few feet east of new barn was fully repaired & very appropriately suspended on hinges in real workmanlike manner, after which wood business was resumed & continued to the end of the day. Ascertained by pacing, that it was nearly 69 rods across the S. meadow from a certain yellow birch tree standing near the Fay line, E to a point about due W to the cow lane, that if we sh'd fence off the S pt of sd mead. & go by the brook after striking it, in Running W should have a line of about 71 rods in length on which to erect sd fence, which we designed to do with boards, large stakes, faithfully driven, fastened with others. Eve'g accomp'd by cous G. visited major Luman where children were all at home. He immediately employed me in reading the very fine remarks of Mr Webster in introducing the Resolutions of the late Boston Meeting on the alarming State of Public Affairs to the Senate of U.S. His suggestions were more to the point than anything I have seen during the pres't session. Also read another letter from Jack Downing in which he sustained himself nobly. After getting home resumed the reading of Mr C's speech, which could not finish for want of time. The date of Spectator in which I read this evening I think was Jan'y 27. In regard to my friend Montague I would state that in the instance above mentioned there is no room for doubt in the least because, although contrary to my usual practice, I omitted making the entry in my diary, yet in (my) both the other books it is fairly specified for what it was paid, & I have a pretty fair recollection of the transaction in F.B.'s store on returning from E. Vil. See Nov 28 1831 & Apl 5 & 4 1832.

SUNDAY, FEBY 2 Just like spring again, fair & fine. 18 morn'g, up'd of 68 midday, after sun declined behind Mt Anthony 38, little past sunset down nearly to 28. Business at the barn employed me a part of this previous morning, afterwards sat to this book, say a good while, then perused a few interesting passages in Cyclopoedia - afterwards performed the usual routine of barn maneuvers which bro't it to near quite sunset, at about which time the good people, who had been to meeting from this house, with the excep'n Cous. G., arrived. He st'd it was supposed to attend the eve'g meeting. This, to the Christians of the Cong. C. of Bennington was a proud day. It was said that 47 of the late converts under the preach'g of the Rev Horatio Foote, were solemnly & reverentially added to the church. Mr Foote preached from 1st Tim 2d c 5th v. Sacrememt day, new members partook thereof. Mr Foote addressed them appropriately. No one absent from church in this family excepting my mother & dear self. Apart of Mr F's discussion was wholly lost to father by reason of his speaking low, when he began to get into his subject more & grew warm, raised his voice to a proper tone, could hear without difficulty. I perused Mr Calhoun to the end, considered him able, even beautiful. Took Mr Binney to it again. This morn'g I opened the Sacred Vol & read some acc't of the Rechabites, a kind of people who lived in tents, sowed no seed, drank no wine, & were remarkable for many more singularities which I do not recollect. The meeting house was said to have been filled to overflowing - many persons being present from neighboring towns.

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Let us say Mr F. preached to a pretty full house on Saturday - my old Lady & sister Lydia were among his hearers

MONDAY, FEB'Y 3 Continued purely on the Spring temperature - fair & gay - 20 in the morn'g, the warmest part of the day in an exposed situation rose to 72, eve'g down to 40. Again employed on wood. Colts driven off cow-pasture, returned to Brown's. In the eve'g besides turning churn occasionally, vsry agreeably enjoyed the perusal of the concluding part of Mr Binney's fine Deposit Speech - father listened zttentively & believed in his doctrine. Adterwards pleased myself by reading good things in Cyclopoedia. This P.M. Elihu Wright borrowed saddle & 50¢ in money, started off for Josiah Wright's, Pow'l. Geo attended prayer meeting in the eve'g, got pr order 3 lbs raisins, oz cinnamon, book ed 56¢ - returned with Adeline & Hopkins who appeared in fine spirits. Aunt Lydia commenced making mince pies. Reub Kent came over this eve'g on zn errand - sd the school at the S. School house was going on well. Sometimes had 25 scholars in a day. No sleighing worth naming in this part of the country, bad for teaming. Respecting hay - it was computed enough remained in the new barn to supply the stock during the present month. In the other the E. mow was consumed totally - lasting up to the 2d inst. Mows on E & W scaffolds remaining entire as laid in during summer. Nothing taken from W. mow excepting a narrow slice from its S.E. quarter fronting stable, say 2 tons. Ww were now mainly using the hay placed ovr great beams S. end, new barn, very good quality. Stock & old mare all in fine condition. Up to the present time had been well supplied with milk - 6 cows yet on the milking list.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 4 Cldy, prospevt a little favorable to rain, of which there was a slight supply late in the day - 32 befo sunrise, Rising of 40 greater part of the day, thawy, muddy, 35 or 36 dur'g evening. A tree of bassw'd which stood a little S of gen. Robinson's line a few rods Wof the brook which issues from the N. side of the hill below the old limekiln, was felled, divided in three parts, making fine saw logs about 14-1/2 ft long & drawn home ready for carrying off to the saw mill. While employed with father in getting down one Geo went up St - bro't away saws ready filed from Coffins' - Spect. of Jan 27 from Franks where heard F. tell an anecdote of the late capt Sam Robinson who used to style himself "Old Matross", bro't likewise new crick made by H Waters, who for what he had to do upon it sent word I must give him cred it, \$1.50, which shall be executed with pleasure. Perused paper in the eve'g. Much about Colonization Soc & disagreeem't of the houses on appropriations bill. Case of seduction decided as it should have been. in favor of Defendant - Burrows of N.Y. Was strongly in the belief this morning of having heard a robin sing in a sort of suppressed tone. Reub Kent pd a 2d eve visit to Hopkins - they played 2 "Blind man's Buff" some of the time.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 5 Remained much as it had veen since the beginning of the pres't month, tolerably fair, some few clds. Ther rose from 32 to 52, how low in the eve'g could not or did not ascertain Same business again, H. Waters happening here this morning on acct of visiting his wood land where hands were employed in cutting out the ref use & ill appointed trees - rec'd from him an invitation to go to his house to perform somewhat

at writing for him. So with a lady who changed her name on the 19 Mch 1815, started on foot to pay his people a visit. Halted at Brown's to notify Getty & Wright that their colts were woefully gnawing up our pastures, that it would seem very pleasant to have them removed, which they promised to do. Reached H.W.'s in safety, the lady only got feet wet very little, walking remarkably dry for the season. Business in the shop going on very lively, a number of workmen being profitably employed on inside work of the Lathrop, Arlington house. Cousin Henry Robinson was one of them, likewise Mr Buck of A. Posted accts against Hinsdill & Swift \$260, J.N. Hinsdill \$53.35, Ed H. Swift upw'd of \$9. Borrowed Canfields N.Y. Spect. of Jan 30 in which there was a continuation of bad news respecting failures, presenting a most melancholy view of affairs - public & private. Two or three hrs forep't of the eve'g very agreeably talked away at F. Blackmer's store, Capt P. Dewey being present - F. himself - Mr Fisk a part of the time & Saml H. towards the close of the conference. The Bank & Deposits, Religion & Morals and the common occurrences of life were the chief topics - Ret'd to H. Waters', played flute which had borrowed of Frank, talked loosely, not very coarsely, finished writing & rode home with wife & son in wagg. which by my direction was bro't up by the latter. Adeline M. left school P.M. & formed one of the party - busy in making up something odd & curious to present to Sew'g Society. We were up late, entertained our old friend T.C. Parsons who said he was lately from H. Falls - daughter Annis had been violently sick, now getting better - Didn't know very well what he should do with his youngest son. D.D. Conkling & T. Hills were in hot law troubles, warring against each other. Seven, would say, eight courses of wood pile had now been completed, consisting principally of apple tree - there was some poplar, some bass, some of this, some of that besides - B. Harwood claimed & honorably deserved the thanks and unreserved commendation of his family & friends for the very skillful & most workmanlike manner in which he piled said wood. Geo P. paid his usual very close & faithful attention to stock.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 6 Commenced growing cold, wind very fresh at NW mainly clear. Thermometer in the morning at 26, evening say 14. Geo & self sawed wood for H. Waters. On the 6th a load of stuff from Arlington for Lathrop's house was rec'd & another small one from White Creek this day for McKees, ny young McK himself. About sunset went to Dr Swifts on an errand - found the Dr at Sanford's store conversing with our old friend Saml Scott, who said last summer when at Saratoga Springs improved an opportunity to ride in one of the cars attached to the engine employed on the rail-road in that vicinity - travelled over the space of 8 miles in 25 minutes, found it as great celerity as he could bear. Doct N.S. went to his house to get the medicine I was deputed to procure, followed him, related to him all the material facts touching the affair of Jan 17, 18, 20. He was fully satisfied for himself where the money was gone.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 7 Severely cold - stout W. wind - cldy 2/3ds the day or more. 14 in the morning - 10 & 8 in the evening. George & self sawed wood for H. Waters

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Another hand whose name was unknown to me was employed in splitting & piling wood under wood shed. Performed some old pieces on flute for H. Waters. Brooks joked us.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 8 Severe morning, down to 8 below zero. The day mainly was mild, thermom'r rising to upw'ds of 50 at noon & aft'n, eve&g 10 above. Resumed station at woodpile - all hands. Mr Kinsley deliv'd 20 bbls rye on contract, for which paid in full \$15.00 Shewed him the new barn, water establishment &c, all which of course he highly approved. Burnt out chimney, cleaned stove and stovepipe in the kitchen. In the eve'g read Jack Downing's letter of Jan'y 25 on cups & balls - hocus pocus - very ingeniously done. Read S. Wright's great declaration in favor of the Administration - Determined, wright or wrong to keep the Deposites where they are & not to re-charter the U.S. Bank. The hay mentioned on the 3d inst in new barn lasted 'till this evening. Hopkins, in lumber sleigh, waited upon aunt Lydia to H. Waters', returned P.M. with the same & Adeline M?

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 9 Calm, mild, cldy, rain expected. Therm. 25 mg, eve'g 34 Passed much as usual, principally in reading. Examined the concluding part of the Bank manifesto - Speech of Mr Wilkins' on introducing Resolutions passed at a meeting of merchants & others of Pittsburgh complaining most grievously of the great distress experienced in money concerns - and praying that the deposits might be restored to the Bank of the U.S. &c., which Mr W. undertook to show was conceived wrongly by the Pittsburghers - that the administration had done right - all the mischief must be imputed to the Bank, which by its own act, two months before the removal of the Deposites, would have produced the same effect. Looked at some other political reading - letters from Washington, doings of Congress &c - perused 2 or 3 chapters in Exodus, call of Abraham, he was with the neighboring princes in which he proved successful - retaking Lot, women and goods - left off at the 14th Chap. of said Book. Evening enjoyed no small degree of satisfaction in reviewing a few good Biographical Articles in the Cyclopoedia under the letter M. Vol 24 - Among these I would mention Mendelsohn, born at Dessau in 1789, a great Jewish writer who maintained that the Laws only of that nation were revealed - their Religion was from Nature. He died 1786

Those of the family who went to church were detained by Mr Hooker until a late hour in the P.M. His sermon had somewhat in it to the members of the church generally - as if it were not all going on well in that respectable body. B Harwood & lady were absentees from the house of public worship - the former being very deaf, the latter not having health sufficient to warrant her safe there.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 10 Continued on the mild order - cldy - fog hanging about the E. Mountains - gentle N. wind. In the morning thermom. stood at 34 - upw'd of 40 greater part of the day, and about 9 in the evening a little under 28.

As heretofore found employment along with Geo P. at wood pile. Perhaps he might not esteem me a great racer as I pursued business this day, but that cant be helped now that it is all over. Stole some precious mom'ts to enter some of the usual remarks daily calculated for this book. Father visited the grist mill of Stebbins Walbridge where he had 2 bhls wheat & 2 do excellent rye produced on the farm of Mr Kinsley, ground. While waiting for his grinding visited Hinsdill's works - everything going on very lively. Deacon H. astonishingly alarmed at what has already befallen the country & the prospect before us - Likewise viewed the paper mill, became acquainted with a Revolutionary gentleman named Fuller, with whom held a very pleasing conversation concerning those days - a daughter of C. Walbridge being employed in the same sp't seemed to take great interest in it - Also paid a fine visit to uncle Sam'l, aunt Sarah & family - had lately rec'd a letter from our uncle Jonas Harwood - Parkman, Ohio, dated Jan 11 - stated some particulars respecting himself & wife - youngest daughter, 30 miles off, doing well. Cous G.P this morn'g attended a religious meeting at the Brick Academy. Deac A. Fay, on his return from attending a church meeting at the old centre meet'g h. called, left a Religious Tract - "Amiable Louisa", No. 275 - conversed with me a few momens, giving information that his wife's youngest sister, indeed youngest of all Mr John Lawrence's family, was conceived to be near his end - consumption was wasting her very fast. Mrs Wagar had been the mother of ten children, had seen little more than 40 years

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 12 Thick clds, some rainy, change of weather commenced.

In the morning thermom. stood at from 26 to 28 - noon 41 or 42 - eve'g 34. The wood suffered again, besides which some minor business was attended to - cattle early stabled on account of rain. After writing over one side half sheet of paper, taking off beard and making as many superhumery locomotive zizzag manuevres as is natural to me when prearing to leave home, was off. Called at H. Waters', wrote letter to Geo Cushing, joiner of Adams, M's inviting him to come & work for sd Waters through the season - an answer being forthwith required - Requested Post Master at N. Adams if C should be absent, to forward to him. Went to the P.O. entered sd letter, paid postage thereon - money furnished by H.W. Saw & conversed with my good friend L. Norton who did not complain of the pressure as to himself as yet, felt, however, as if, should the times hold on, it would come home to us all. Visited Ct Room - S.C. in session, Judge Williams presiding, Mattocks & associates. Heard lawyers S.H. Blackmer, & H. Kellogg speak to the opposite sides of an affair which they submitted to the Court - nowise important to a by-stander. Another thing was introduced afterwards by Sarjeants who spoke badly - I took no interest in it - nor could I, if I would, it was so indistinctly stated. Lawyer Bennett got up & replied to him - Didn't stay to hear him out. Recollect seeing among the rest, Darius Clark, Stephen Robinson, David Love, M.L. Selden, Genl Henry Robinson, clerk, Jas Hubbell, Syren's Swift, W.S. Southworth, U.M. Robinson, Phin's Smith, Nathan'l Noyse, Reuben Armstrong, Harmon Canfield, &c - After getting into the street spent a little time under Love's horse shed conversing with Sam'l Robinson, Sen'r, Saff'd Robinson, Henry Fassett

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E. Fillmore Esq, Henry Harwood, Alvah Rice, at first respecting the weight of a young calf running beside a fine looking cow owned by Jesse Loomis Jun - there was considerable diversity of opinion on this question which gradually led to the subject of tanning & that of course to the late failures in that business, particularly that of T. Hills by whom J.H. Thom as would lose not far from \$100. Friend Saff'd R. said he had tried all the tanners who had carried on business within the last 20 years in Bennington - & after all could never get so good satisfaction, by a gr't difference, as he had rec'd at the hand of Gardner Barton, a Tanner of the old school in Shaftsbury, now in easy flourishing circumstances, while every one of ours within the period just mentioned had failed. Visited the store of L. Patchin & Co., saw F. Kelly who mentioned the backwardness of C.H. Brown's agents at Hoosick Corners, N.Y. IN MAKING paym't for Harmon & Poole's dairy. Brown was said to have sold that dairy very soon after it arrived in market for \$8 pr hund'd - it cost him 6-1/2 to start from the dairy house, so we must conclude he cleared \$1 on the hundred. On inquiry by Mr Patchin stated the aff'r of 17, 18, 20, 22d ult. Mr P, said farmers need not trust out their produce, dairies &c to dealers, it was best 9 time out of 10, to sell for ready pay. At the B'k spent some time with my friend the cashier, principally on the old affair, could not clear it up much - but we found that there was crookedness & quibbling, nothing to change anyone's mind from the natural inference that the money was in unjust hands &c. Saw a pretty tall man there who seemed to have a just notion respecting the Deposit question. Came pretty directly home - calling at H. Waters' to leave change after paying postage on Cussing's letter, or letter to C. MORE PROPERLY. Bo't 1 lb tea at 3/9 at L.P. & Co's on Cr. Saw Nelson Thayer in the street who said he had a lot of 13 cows, mostly young ones - I might take my choice if I wished to purchase. Henry Harwood also had 2 good ones, 6 yrs old, which he would dispose of. I replied rather faintly that if I should be able to procure money, would buy, would give these men a call. Perused Cyclopoedia most of the evening, time not spent very profitably, because my memory was not capacious enough to retain the fine ideas there to be acquired

FEB. 12 One of the coldest days of the pres't season. 6 be-
 WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 14 low zero in the morning - a little before 11 stood
 at 18 above - early in the eve. 12 - late 10 -
 clear, fair & handsome, very stiff wind from N.W., roads extremely rough. Accompl'd cous. G.P. up street, halted at H. Waters' - G. filed an old hand saw of ours, and then went to Court, returned home in good season. I wrote a letter to H. Waters relating to a cutter box which he engaged Ogden to finish in good style for the owner, Mr Willard Holden, son in law of Esq Deming, Arlington, cost without gold-leaf 26 dollars - with gold-leaf 28 dollars. Called on Dr Swift, N oadiah, to come down to visit our sister Lydia, which he afterwards did. Heard him read news from Washington & N.Y. which offered nothing consolatory as to money distress. Bo't of F. Blackmer 4 lbs white lead & 2 oz Prussian blue, former 50 - the latter 25 - booked. Copied an acc't for H. Waters against H. Hall of about \$100. Adeline was in the front room with me

copying a table of the contents of the Bible, prefixed to the copy owned by H. Waters. While we were thus engaged Adeline was called on by her friends C. Dewey & S. Robinson, the latter after amusing herself & the company by reading the statement of the number of letters, number of words, number of verses, number of chapters &c &c, contained in the Bible, assisted in copying the contents. A certain young couple was talked of which it is none of my business name. Some teams with loads of youth were bound to Williamstown to hear Mr Foote. My eve'g was a dood deal of it devoted to this slavish practice of entering these gingling paragraphs. H.W. seemed well pleased with what I had written for him, afterward shewed me a number of notes against J.C. Andrews, D. McDonald &c. The first thing I wrote was an order on F. Blackmer's store in favor of Isaac Allen for \$3 in goods. In regards to A. Harwood's cash a/c - it was set down in his book for first of Jany 1834, that he had on hand a fraction over twenty four dollars.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 13 cldy, ab't all day. Down to 5 in the morn'g, afterwards not higher than 36 - evening 26. Sawing & otherwise working up wood was the employ't of B. Harw'd & Son. Geo P. DREW \$ LDS WOOD FROM this to H. Waters'. Eve'g I perused Revolutions in Europe, the first part. Hopkins read N. Test't - consulted the Dictionary for the definition of such words as he did not understand.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 14 Very mild, cldy, thawed up before night so as to create mud in some places. Thermom'r in the m'g 28 - soon after sunrise rose considerably higher. Eve'g 38 & 40. Rained, too, a little near the conclusion of the day, & late in the eve'g. Geo P. was off in good season, sawing wood for H. Waters & I joined him after waiting upon our worthy sister in waggon thither - where she comparatively enjoyed herself quite agreeably. H OPKINS drove for her on returning home near night. G. performed so valuable a days work as I concluded it would about make mine on a par with what is usually done - at any rate, both were entered together at \$1, thinking if there were a deficiency on my part, to make it good on some future day. The sick man, Asahel Hyde, whose recovery was now fondly anticipated by his relatives & friends, rode down from B.R. Sears' to capt. Pliny Dewey's, where he was going to tarry all night. Cous. Emily Rob'n accomp'd him, having thus far neen his constant & faithful nurse almost from the commencement of his sickness. He was yet very weak. Mr Ballard & scholars turned out in a body in the morning - marching in procession - entering the Court House in due form, to hear the great Burr trial. The question being whether, if I rightly comprehend it, the three Religious Societies to which he willed \$10,000 a piece, should hold the same in preference to his lawful heirs. Mr Sheldon I believe allowed his scholars, such as wished it, to attend court, P.M. Hopkins devoted an hour or two to that concern, but to little profit - as he understood but little of the proceedings. I understood the lawyers finished their pleadings and the case was submitted to the court in full - tow'd the close of the day. Adeline spent P.M. AT H.W's. Mr Coffin & lady ret'd on the 13th from Troy where left all well - I was at F. Blackmer's store late in the day - saw David Black & Sol Searls. Got Spect's of 6th & 7th - full of Jackson obstinacy - read these in the eve'g

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1834 When coming home this eve'g had the pleasure of walking with our friend Judge L. Norton who had been to court hearing the arguments on the Burr suit - came partly across lots - Thos & Reub Kent were of the party. Mrs Wagar was buried on the 13th inst.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 15 Cldy, S. wd greater part of the day, which in my view is peculiarly calculated to bring on the hypo and I this day experienced much of it - Unusually warm - Thermom. early stood at I think, 49 - afterwards through the day & until late in the eve'g not under 56. Geo P. sawed wood for H. Waters all day, myself half a day. Conveyed Miss Lydia to H. W.'s where she calculated to spend 3 or 4 days, her spirits were very low and she felt as if she should never be better I offered every encouragement I could think of, but still it produced I suppose but little or no relief. Rode up the Hill to the Printing Office & deliv'd to John C. Haswell 3 lbs butter - 50" - in full of printing demand. Convers'd a few mom'ts with S. Clark & J. C. respecting Removal of Deposites in which it was well agreed, or rather it seemed so, that the measure was an unwise one. Before reaching Printing Office saw uncle Sam'l Rob. with whom convers'd some on a certain matter - said he was going to E. V., would make some enquiry - Called at Loves' to enquire if they wanted butter - said they did not. Returned to H. Waters' & stabled mare - commenced sawing wood at about 11 A.M. - went over to Coffins', made settle'm't by which it was ascertained that we had rec'd of him in cabi't work & filing saws, the am't of \$4.93, overrunning my a/c about 1/0 which he did not exact, saying he was willing to call it even, so we did with a compliment from me. Saw a fair copy of a book entitled The Life of Christ, with fine plates, lately published, price \$2.50 An errand calling me upstreet saw at Hinsdill's, Hiram Blackmer, Collector, who shewed me am't of taxes - B. Harwood \$18 - H. Harwood \$1.25, total \$19.25 - promised if not too badly pressed to pay first of March - said he fully believed as others did respecting - no matter what. Hopkins out of school, P.M. Adeline rode with S. S. Scott to Williamstown to hear the preaching of that wonderful man, Rev'd H. Foote. Miss S. Roninson rode with M. Scott through deep mud for the same purpose. Mr Sheldon taught, as usual, but a half day, at Academy. Geo & self rode home early in the eve'g - met H. Waters on his return from visiting his wood lot, which he praised beyond measure. At home, among other good things perused the Remarks of Mr Webster - in reply to Mr Wright - in which he was up to all we could ask - My mind was considerably harrowed up on acc't of many things which I had lately had a hand in & c & c that rendered me unhappy for the mom't. Y^y Sylv's W. Daniel paid Geo & me a visit at H. W' & Afterwards at our house. Mr Lathrop of Arlington, being on business with Hiram, dined at his house.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 16 Continued thawing - pretty fair - Ther 32 in the morn'g - 43 at noon - 36 in the eve'g. Supped in a vast sight of melancholy during this day.

Found myself to have been guilty of many foolish calculations within the last 6 months. George, Sally & Hopkins went to church. I wrote a few lines, wanted to read but was too absent minded to enjoy any satisfaction in that. Hiram Waters & Roswell Day visited me early in the day, and T.C. Parsons tow'd eve'g - the latter threw me into a violent fit of hypo by mentioning the name of Doolittle - connected with the extreme uncertainty of obtaining my \$200 when due - showing in high colors the shallowness of my letting that money. Messrs Sheldon & Ballard in the absence of both deacons were readers to the church - Dr Swift gone to Boston. Deac. Hinsdill & many others off to Foote's meeting in Williamstown. Mr Day informed me of a very fair cattle dealer in Marlboro, Vt., who would be a very prop person to apply to for assistance in purchasing cows - their stock was better on that side the mountain than on this. Said gentleman was Luther Winchester. Among all my gloomy reflections had no deeds of dishonesty to repent of.

MONDAY FEB'Y 17 Cldy, early in the day - say 32 - tow'd noon cleared away & there was a warm, fair P.M. MERCURY STAND³/₄ ing at 60 - evening down to 36. Having friend Parsons for company crossed over to E. Village on foot. Our conversation as might be expected turned on subjects near & interesting to us. As we were going to separate near Week's invited him to go with me up to Doolittle's, as I felt a sort of delicacy in regard to what I had said respecting the \$20 not knowing but that D. might think me worthy of blame, feeling, however, conscious of not intentionally doing injury to any one. I thought his business would hardly allow him to accompany me, so I proceeded alone. Found Mr Doolittle at the Furnace Company's office & met with a very friendly reception. Asahel Harwood was there likewise. My business was to enquire whether the \$200 would be forthcoming on the first of March, the times being very hard - a positive promise could not be obtained - but Mr D. engaged to do his best - should adopt a course of the strictest economy, nor should he attempt at present any more purchases. Told me not to lay awake respecting any money. I told him I should not. Forgot to mention as I was going up to the Furnace being accompanied by Hiram Blackmer Esq. In coming away walked with my friend Asahel who appeared friendly - said a good deal respecting the \$20 - seemed much at a loss whether he ever had it - was sorry that he did not let Mr D. get it himself. On my questioning him, said he remembered no particulars in regard to the money when paid over by the cashier - was however pretty sure of its being in the forepart of the day - See Jan 18-20. Represented the thing as altogether accidental & very doubtful. The same was mentioned in the office when it was there endeavored to be accounted for by supposing Mr Raymond might have paid it out on my \$17 order pr Mr Cobb. This was nowise probable in my mind. Came to Aus. & Park store - took receipts in full for \$66.20, six cents being paid back - being so much over what they exacted. Called at Capt Hills, the captain very low, was helped from his bed by Mr Sam'l Fay Esq Sen who happened to be there to see him - staid sometime conversing with them on serious topics, Revivals &c.

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1834 Rec'd \$2 pr Mrs Hills in full for 2 bbls cider - see Nov 8 - told her I would make it right on book. Rode into the Main St with Mr Fay talking all the way of the obstinate conduct of Jackson & the Kitchen Cabinet. Visited Post Office and entered letter to Luther Winchester, Marlboro, requesting information about cows - wanted a reply by the first of March. Came down to H. Waters' along with Hopkins, learned that Adeline did not return from Williamstown with Mr S.S. Scott concluding to tarry until Tuesday, ending the big meeting - felt rather no matter how. Called at H.W's, they were at dinner, saw Lydia a few moments and was told the particulars of her case. Dr H. Swift had bled & applied a blister which was doing well. Came immediately home - assisted father & Geo P. in sawing wood. Ira B. Dewey was here on a short visit. (In the eve'g there was a bright half moon which lighted the way for the return of the people who had been to Williamstown attending the Foote meeting. Among these were friend Wight & Miss Adeline who arrived here between 7 & 8 in the eve'g. We were looking out for her to come in the stage.) These last lines are wrong - they should be for Tuesday evening.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 18 Very fine indeed. Ther 28 mg, 66 past noon, 24 or 38 eve'g. Shaved & was off up street most of the day trying to market butter but without success. Rode in waggon - left basket of apples at H. Waters'. Saw sister Lydia who was doing well. Saw W. Wadsworth who said he had a cow which on certain conditions he would dispose of. Spent some time at printing office, & L. Patchin & Co store. Came home as stated in the minutes for Monday both as to Ira B.D. and what follows. There was some running to the road to meet the southern stage & other particulars which I need not mention. Father & Geo P. worked at wood.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'y 19 South wd, cldy, chilly. Ther 32 afterw'd mostly at 43 & 45. Not much stirring at home - father & Geo carried in & piled wood at H. Waters all day. I was left to turn out cattle, clean stables & saw wood if I felt disposed & I did do something at it. Tow'd eve'g visited H. Waters, saw folks piling wood, saw Lydia, still supposed to be doing well - Diadama, Harriet & Adeline, the last having left home on account of lonesomeness early in the day. Gave a little sketch of my life - calling myself a bad boy when young - deserving & getting many floggings from my mother - enjoyed life best & most happily from 15 to 20 & c. Went to F. Blackmers - procured Spect of Feb 12 - took flute & looked over & performed roughly some excellent pieces of music in S.S. Scott's book bo't at Albany - talked awhile of obstinate Jackson - with F.B. - came home in the rain accomp'd a part of the way by Sam'l & Sarah, children of Sam'l H. Brown coming from school. Met H. Waters' man returning from chopping small stuff on his wood lot - time being ended. At home stabled cattle. H. Waters & S. Chandler visited said wood lot near night. Mr Wight sometime after breakfast, left for Bills T. in good waggon drawn by good beast

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 20 Sorrowfully foggy great part of the morning, beautifully fine afternoon - slightly frozen in the morning but most of the day the mercury rose from 60 to 72 Most extraordinary weather for the season. Father & G.P. worked up wood, but it should be stated that the latter went up street with oxen & ret'd with cart which was repaired by B.R. Sears in wood work & by S. Chandler as to iron work, tire of one wheel welded where it been broken sometime since. Called at P. Office, found nothing there - walked to printing office, perused Pennsylvanian, Jackson paper, in which all ~~the~~ acts of Jackson were right & just. U.S. Bank was the cause of all our money troubles. Commenced writing letter to John Phelps, Rupert, Vt, to get information respecting cows, stage being ready to start too early for me - dropped the design - Saw & conversed a little time with Henry Fassett, said his health for him was pretty good - knew it had been injured by his imprudence - bargained for bbl of cider at \$1.25. would send for it when the travelling became more passable. Came down the hill, visited the store of Sanford & Brown - saw Levi Jewett who said he had been much out of health, was a good deal better. A number of persons were present, among the rest S.C. Raymond, the cashier. Saw young Hinsdill loading shed manure. Mr Phelps too was out with his hoe, spoke of the twenty dollars - saying Raymond was holden for it. Visited H. Waters' again, dined there. Hiram hunted up an oil jug in which he found oil enough as he tho't for painting tubs & pails. I went to Sanf'd & Brown's & bo't pint of spirits turpentine, charged 13", to be used in sd paint. So fair, felt an inclination to go to Deac Dimmick's to look at his cow - finally came home across lots belonging to Dr H. Swift, V.D. Spieglr, Dr N. Swift, S.H. Brown & B. Harwood. In the eve'g felt an uneasiness of mind which is much better imagined than described, by so attacked persons, Within the last 12 mo's had suffered largely in this hypochondrical way.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 21 Contin'd nearly on the same temperature as had been for 3 weeks, 3 or 4 days past. Everyone was astonished at the mildness of the weather, the oldest inhabitants among us could recollect nothing equal to it in point of duration. Ground merely crusted by frost over night. Mercury arose to upw'd 70 in the course of the day - Roads most profusely muddy. One day was devoted mostly to pruning appletrees in the upper orch'd, more particularly such as were ingrafted by Mr Wight last season, many of the cions were in fine condition. (This evening) self, lady & Hopkins pleasantly spent the eve'g at H. Waters', Lydia getting better. Played flute in upper shop where H. & hands were industriously employed on Lathrop's sashes &c. Cous. Henry R was among those hands. On the 20" forgot to state after getting home that seeing someone driving a loaded team across cow pasture, whole length from E to W or say from W to E, went down to inquire into the matter. It was old ld of wood which Moses Sibley drew for his cousin Jason - he knew it was contrary to orders - told him he should not be hanged for the first offence - next time he must be hanged. Went to Norman N's shop, heard pocket organ. John N's daughter Clarissa bro't it out on purpose to get her uncle N. to put it in motion. spent half an hour or more very agreeably conversing with old Mrs N. and Norman in the house. Young Clar'a I think they said was said was in her 14" year.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 22 As fine as any day ever seen in April. Mercury was from 34 to 72, eve 48, mud constantly growing deeper & deeper. Pruning was continued by Geo & grandfathdr. I rode to Deac. Dimmick's to see a cow which he had mentioned to me some time since, but she could not be had.

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1834 Might have mentioned a long conversation held with S. Scott, chiefly on protracted meetings & effects produced on the community thereby, as I was going past to the Deac's, but time permits me to say no more of it. He had a first rate cow which he would sell. she had become so unruly he could not keep her. I think he offered to sell the same 2 or 3 yrs since. Deac. Dimmicj wanted to contract for 200 wt cheese next fall at 7". I did not close in but put him to thinking whether it were not good economy to pot cheese, liked my description of it well, would cll & taste of ours someday to satisfy himself respecting it. Rode to Starins, the man & his son gone onto the mountain - laid my course for home - halted a mom't at John Steele's where was overtaken by J. Rogers & Aaron Hubbel Hun - the former while riding in company had much to say in regard to a purchase he had just made of John Ryan of Hoosick - being a snug little establishm't just enough for a shoemaker, 1 mile distant from 3 villages Hoosick Falls being one of them. Spoke very well of Mr R. who had engaged to do many fine things. Young A. shewed me a young cow which he wanted to sell, young, not large, good color, hard to milk, thin in flesh, had been kept like the rest of their stock on straw until of late - poor economy in my opinion, made no contract. Said a few words more to Scott regarding his cow & to W. Woodsworth, who was with him, in regard to her, said they'd hold on awhile. Left mare at H.W's - sat sometime in F. Blackmers store where saw Henry Harwood, Mr Jonas, Saml H. Blackmer, Dan Hulon & D. Clark - there was some joking on the part of Hulon, S.H.B. & the rest about Jackson & the Deposites. One of these Shaftsbury men, Mr I., said he had 3 young cows he would dispose of - a neighbor os, Peter Mattison had 4 or 5 fair & of good age to sell. Norman Blackmer with his superb sable whiskers of heavy growth, rode away from his brother's while I was there. Walked over to Dr N. Swift's, found the Dr busy signing bank bills - tried to have him say I might get money there, meaning at the bank, before long, but he evaded the question - Talked much respecting the \$20 - left a written statement respecting it, with him. Went up to see the cashier, found he was gone to E. Village. In return'g to H. Waters' met Mr Gulliver who said he was 72 yrs of age on the 19th inst. At H.W's found Mr Joseph Niles & lady of Shafysbury with whom conversed very agreeably a short time - took supper - the old gent said it was 38 yrs since he came into Shaftsbury to reside at the age of 42, being now 80 - his brother Charles was 90 - oldest man in that town. Some anecdotes of Dr Jonas Fay were related by him, very characteristically too. These people said they would call on me in the course of the pres' season. Old lady, 77, had one of her grand-d aughters of R. Carpenter's family, with her. About dark got home, enjoyed the eve'g very rationally. Adeline & Hopkins had arrived past noon. Aunt Lydia they reported to be getting better. L. Harwood. I would state that on Friday morn'g Dr H. Swift came to see & leave medicine for Miss Lydia & while he staid gave a description of Philadelphia, Stephen Girard, &c &c very amusing. On Friday a transient man called in, seated himself & while my lady left the room, improved the opportunity to take a beef'sxtongue, seating himself again very snugly, tarried a short time & was off. He appeared to have a companion in waiting at the horse block. This bold theft, though of inferior acc't put us upon our guard - locks & keys were forthwith put in requisition at the dairy house, where the hams were stored, and at the granary in which we stored a considerable quantity of grain at present. Paid young Aaron Hubbell 25th Bible Soc'y contribution for mother.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 23 Last night there was a great thunder shower, sharp lightning, heavy thunder. This day rainy & a part of the time densely foggy. Mercury stood at from 46 to 52. Mrs Harwood & child'n & cous. G.P. heard preaching by Mr Hooker. Mud very deep. Wrote jour'l as usual - perused a part of Mr Webster's Report on Mr Clay's 2d Resolution respecting the reasons of Mr Sec'y Tancy for removal of Deposites. The Document was a plain & able one, cutting Mr T. all fine. H.Waters paid me a visit & wrote letter for him to J.C.Andrew, Pittsfield, Ms., to inform him that S.Billington would like to hire his place the present season, and some other particulars.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 24 Pretty calm, clds low, fog dragged the mountains. Gradually became colder towards the close of the day. Mercury mid-day stood say at 46 - near sunset 36 eve. 30 wind N. Chopping & sawing wood employed us. Cheese casks in the barn were removed off the hay where they were first deposited - one of said casks examined - cheese in excellent condition. Adeline went to uncle H.W's to assist in taking care of her aunt Lydia.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 25 Snow covered the ground, but produced no sleighing, cldy all day, snowed slightly P.M. growing cold, Mercury in the m'g stood at 30, noon day 36, eve'g 26 snowing. Wood was wrought upon by B&GP Harwood. I made calculation respecting money - drew note for \$200 to Bank which meant to present on first of Mar. Drew up letter to E.Lyon Esq, Woodford, respecting lumber, 3600 ft young hemlock bds, 1 ft wide, 16 ft long, & 500 ft spruce bds worth \$10 pr M LL FT LONG, 6 inches wide for gate slats. Visited street - called at the Bank, talked once more of the "twenty dollars" & came to no settlement, cashier said he'd do what was right respecting it. President of the Bank was also there - stuck to it that he believed A.H. had it - made short call at printing office, rec'd Gazette of this date in which was announced the death of Mrs Mary F. Doolittle daughter of Wm Fay Esq of Rutland, Vt & wife of Isaac Doolittle of this town - aged 27 - closed her mortal existence on Monday noon - Very exemplary Christian lady, greatly respected by all who knew her. Left one child by Mr D. At the office heard Mr Jackson very highly praised for his present course by Col Merrill who addressed himself to Ira Arms'g. Return'g down St met S.W. Daniels who informed me his brother Orrin was likely to do well the pres't season - assured me of his full belief that I should get my pay - see Jan'y 19. Called at Hiram Waters', saw Lydia, Damia, Adeline, Harr't, Buck & c. Lydia doing well. H.Waters having prepared paints came with me & son & painted tubs & pails, which employed him until nearly 9 in the eve'g. At the Post O. got our N.Y. Temp. paper, the first rec'd for 2 or 3 weeks past. Saw cous. Edwin Rob. at printing office who on the 18th inst was married to Miss Louis D. Grover of Pownal, the former about 23, the latter 18 yrs of age. Was informed by him that his lady had 3 cows for sale. Rec'd from the hand of B.R. Sears a 2d hand bucksaw on cr at \$1.25 25" too high.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 26 Fair past 9 A.M. until 11 P.M. Mercury 18 in mg, 20 eve'g - roads bad - rather rough morning. Writing was executed in this thing, hunted up items in Swift & Sons a/c, 1830, in order to make out an inventory of articles rec'd by Miss D. Waters before & at the time of her marriage, 1831, assisted some in painting cheese rack box & c. Evening in lumber sleigh with ldy over very bad sleighing visited the house of H.Waters, all doing well. Conversated with Ros'l Buck, journeyman from Arlington who had been a few hours ill, getting better, spoke highly in praise of A.M.H. for care she had taken of him. Father perused Hist. of Berkshire Co., attended to other concerns - ended the day piling wood assisted by G.P. who improved the morning in oiling harness. N.Norton's man conveyed wood past herge.

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1834 THURSDAY, FEB'Y 27 Mainly fair, thawed & became muddy in the aft pt of the day. Thermom. in the mg 20, did not observe how it was at night. Geo conveyed a basswood saw log to the Olin & Colvin mill..P.M. assisted in waiting upon aunt Lydia & Miss Adeline home in cutter from H.Waters & where the former had remained ever since the 15th inst - had rec'd great relief through the skilful management of Dr H. Swift & the kind attentions of H.W., wife & others. Mr Buck getting better. I walked up street meaning to be present at the funeral of Mrs Doolittle - procession did not arrive until past the hour appointed. Improved the opportunity to go up to the store of U.M. Robinson. On request got his name to my \$200 note to Bank which note left in the care of the cashier, with promise of its being cashed on Saturday. Saw 2 gent from White Creek transacting some kind of money business with cash'r - shewed me 2 Montreal Bk notes which I thought were well calculated to elude all attempts at counterfeiting. Visited H.W.'s, afterwards spent some little time at F. Blackmer's, then with many others entered meeting house - seated myself in the pew of B. Harwood & listened to an excellent discourse deli'd by Mr Hooker. My pew mates were D.S. Sheldon, who slept a part of the time, N.L. Robinson & lady, cousins Uel & Henry. When the exercises were ended the corpse was exhibited to public view, which caused such a cram in the lobby as for awhile to forbid any persons reaching the outer door. Made an escape at last & joined G., Lydia & Adeline as stated above - halted at S.H. Brown's - heard him say he expected or had talked of trading with Aus B. & Co by letting his whole landed estate in Bennington go for their store of goods - requested my advice in the matter - told him my unfitness to give advice in so deep a concern - but ventured to say that before doing a thing of that kind, should take time for consideration and finally plainly gave my view against it. This morning as I was walking from the old Dr J. place to F. Blackmer's was overtaken by a pretty decent looking gentleman who said he had been in Williamstown & Adams, going to take the stage for S. part of Granville, N.Y. where he resided. Spoke of our late Revival here made it manifest by a few words that he was a professor of Christianity had been many yrs a member of the Cong. C. at S. Granville. Advised me the first thing to make my peace with God - after which I might attend to other concerns - no matter what others should think or believe. Said his name was Patrick, a native of Scotland, should guess 50 yrs of age. Father worked out stakes etc.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 28 Cldy, chilly, thawy, smoe snow flying, but very little Wind W. Along with G.P. Harwood in 1 h. wagg rode to Shaftsbury, crossed over from the N. Meeting house through a deep valley, down & up steep long hills to the E. road - saw large quantities of tanners bark beside the road - many farms in bad condition - many head of low fed cattle. Visited the house of Peter Mattison - gentleman of the house from home - had but 9 cows & 4 young heifers - would sell only the latter. No bargaining here, so we went our way. Mr M's farm appeared in good order, cattle were apparently in fine plight. Proceeding a short distance N. met a gentleman with horse team, inquired the way to Mr Imos he pointed it to us & on finding out we wanted to purchase cows informed us he had 2 to sell, but by close questioning we made up our minds there was nothing there for us. This was a brother of Dr F. Johnson. By circuitous route went to Mr I's, saw his lady & family, the woman appeared rather fair & young. Made known my business, the man gone away, his agent shewed us the property for sale - it was a fair red heifer 4 yrs of age but as near as we could divine she was a bad character - so

we resumed our course for the main County road which we entered near Chas Spencers. Let me just say that Mr I, had a farm of about 100 acres & a small tannery in which he transacted business amtg to about \$200. Dont think I should ever go out of my way to see cows recommended by him. We came to J.Drapers', saw a man there on a train - they didnt know of his having more than \$3 Called for apple pie, cheese & cider, the last so musty would not drink it, but they had a journeyman tailor who readily down with it. Paid bill, 14", & was off. Called on cousin Cole 8th side uncle Perez - saw the old Raym'd which was in low flesh - had another real fine looking one which he offered for \$30. Reached home by dark. Thermom. not lower than freezing in the morning. I think it stood at 34 in the eve'g.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 Contin'd much as it had been, cldy, thawy, mersury stood at ab't the same. With neighbor S.Chandler rode to Kinsley Brown's, formerly capt A.Dimmicks, saw the widow of that gent who informed me she had heard lately from her daughter, wid. of Noratio, 2, self & family in health under the management of Edwin the oldest. Louisa had died of chokera last summer. Our business was to see cows offered by Mr B for sale. B. was absent on the E. road, examined the property, decided in favor of one only, the yellow one being too old. Rode to Downs', saw Jessie Downs in his shop, Sim Harwood & Wm Bates being present, was shown the property mentioned by cousin Edwin on the 25th inst; liked but one of them, the light colored broken horned cow, 7 yr old, very fair. Went to Eber Dunhams to know of whom to purchase - there saw cousin Edwins lady who introduced me to her uncle & aunt - informed me that the cow which I wanted stood engaged to her father, so the jig was up as to that, NO fish to be caught there - meantime friend Chandler had seen H.Brown who also came to Downs' BEFORE MY GOING TO Dunham's, had bargained for his brindle cow at \$23 to take or leave as he might choose - followed me to Dunhams thinking I might purchase of cousin E's lady, and therefore would drive both home together. Afterward he concluded at any rate, as he held an obligation against B., who stood in shoes none to permanent, to take his cow. I rode with him back again to the old D. place, whence he started her off, himself dismounted, giving his horse to me to lead - came on so without much trouble to within a mile of home, when he remounted his horse, driving his cow here to let her remain over Sunday, giving me until Monday eve'g to decide on keeping her for good. Old Mr Loomis & Mr Crary of Clarendon, Vt., father in law of E.Carpenter, passed this way South, halting a few moments to look at cows & new barn. Business caused me to start for town - halted a moment at Getty's to hear a man I took to be Jo Parkway converse on the times - Condemned Jackson wholky & totally. Saw H.Blackmer & others at Hinsdill's, promised to pay taxes after visiting Bank. Against James Hubbells office was visited by Geo Lyman of Troy who on my enquiring how the Trojans relished these hard times, addressed me as a Jackson man but soon was sensible of his mistake. He said there had not been many failures there, but in common with others they suffered much. At the Bank my note was cashed, taking off \$3 interest to first of June left me \$197 which he, the cash'r, said I must let no man know where I got it - as they refused almost every applicant for money. Saw cous A.Doty, family in usual health, Sylvester Stewart & family doing well. D.Robinson & others ~~do~~ ~~ing~~ were in the Bank. After getting off a few rods, Cashier called me to him - stood in the street in front of P.O. & recounted my money and pronounced it correct. At Hinsdill's paid taxes in full \$18, for B.Har'd \$1.25 for self, took rec'ts for the same. There many persons in bar room that I knew among whom would mention Saml Wadsworth, Enos Rudd, Lyman Lawrence. Became acquainted with Lucius the twin brother of Lewis Beach.

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1834 Ret'd from town accomp'd by E. Carpenter who called in awhile, talked of N.Y. affairs, read to him the letter of Caleb Brown - see Jan 3d Told me he saw B. sell cheese at 8-1/2c pr lb. Was calculating to sell here & go to Clarendon where had purchased a farm of 200 acres. Had not rec'd an a/c of sale of his butter in N.Y. $\frac{3}{4}$ would soon write the Arnolds & mention our cheese. His tarry was short, promised to call again. Adeline was quite ill this day & eve'g. Lydia getting better. Settled acc'ts this morn'g with G.P. Harwood. Tow'ds his years labor at \$110 had paid him \$44 leaving \$66 due which being added to \$318 prinipal & interest due on note am'td to \$384.00, for which sum gave 2 notes - the one being for \$366 with int. due 1st of Jan'y 1835, the other for \$18 with interest due 1 day after date. I entered on new acc't \$13.75 goods rec'd on my acc't at Hins. & Swift's first Jan'y last. Engaged again for 8 months, price not agreed on, would require no more than others would have. His business this day was viewing & enquiring respecting cows - heard of several chances to buy. Enjoyed health in those days - Age Sept 2, 1838 J A Wight. Rec'd letter from J.A. Wight through the hand of Geo P. who got it by the hand of Mr Lyman dated Wms Coll. Feb 27. Complained of bad cold - noticed the fine weather - not quite well pleased with his boarding place - had to sit by a very hoggish messmate - presumed he belonged to the Byfield breed - Studying Algebra stoutly - reading Euripides, tragis poet, pretty tough. Greek, tough - Latin, tough - everything in this world tough - some moral reflections - much engaged in writing a poem which when finished should burn up - Complimented Aunt Lydia for whom had much regard - as also for my father whose "Bald head he revered". Supposed this fine weather must be favorable to hay, presumed my spirits must be good for 36 cows in the summer - Requested me to write how things were going on - mentioned some unimportant blunders - lived on (wind) mind dreamed dreams - should not be surprised to find himself trying to feed himself with his feet instead of his hands - sent love to all. Failures in Boston, Lowell & c without number. Enquired who would be the next President. Sent, in the body of the letter, a feeling comp't to G.P.H.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 Snowed triflingly in the morning, cldy all day - wind arose from N.W. growing cold, tedious. Mercury at 32 in the morning. 20 early in the eve'g. Geo P. represented us at Church My steel pen ran over much ground. Rec'd visit from my friend H. Waters & his friend Buck. Forthe former wrote a letter on business to John B. Lathrop, Arlington, Vt. wholly relating to Morrison the great mason and t to getting ready pine stuff for his new house. Soon will this be thrown by as lumber.

MONDAY, MARCH 3 Fair & cold. Mercury in the morning down to 12, noon 42, eve 18. Money parceled out & labeled to begin with. Geo X Pierce called and after some squeezing got him to accept of 49 ins'd of \$50 for 2 cows which he highly recommended. Next visited Salem White at the E. Robinson Place - saw a lot of cows mostly in poor condition, having had the Black Tongue - nothing there that exactly fill ed my eye, staid a good while too. Walked to Mr Goulds at the old Gerald Place, saw some fine young cows Mr G had bo't of Henry & P Harwood that I was sorry had not got hold of myself - were shown those belong'g to Dr H. Swift - not such as were to our liking. Proceeded directly to Mr S. Walbridge's - dined there - looked at cattle in his yard - Marched up to the Nichols farm - called from being long contended for in Law

"The Battle Ground", ~~W.H.~~ where some handsome young heifers were exhibited. Didn't suit, the farm appeared handsome, a part of which had lately sold to one of the Mattesons. Ret'd to the homestead, visited Stebbins D's stock, saw some good looking young cows, could not bargain for any of them because he was from home - Came back once more to uncle S's & left trying my best to get him to better terms - paid him \$57 for 2 very fine black cows, one of which had a calf about 3 weeks old, which he intended for his own eating, the other to come in - say within 10 days or so - To take them away on the morrow. One of them had lost a horn, 5 yrs old, the other had no blemish, 6 yrs old. Reached home past sunset. Let me say, we met a little side the old Hathaway house, U. Edgerton Esq A. Hathaway & others with old sled load of hay drawn by 3 yoke of oxen bound to E. Mountain on a timber exhibition expedition. On our way home called at F. Blackmer's store to make inquiry of S. S. Scott respecting his father's cow - age seemed to be pretty well established at 8 yrs - character good as a milker, but faulty as to throwing fence. Hiram Blackmer, P. Harwood & Gid House were pres't - the last alluded softly to my buying his cow of very low quality for milk in 1830 - soon changed the subject to something else. See March 26 1830.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4 Very fine, mainly warm & pleas't. Merc. 18mg. eve'g not far from freezing. Leaned for the N. driving the cow to Chandler's which was left here on Saturday - could not like her. Visi'd S. Scott's - looked at his cow - didn't think she would be fit for us very soon. Called on young Aaron Hubbell, could obtain nothing of great use here. Paid respects next to Mr Daniels & his son Sylvanus who were employed in shoeing sled - said they did not wish to keep the bull longer than the first of April. Crossed over to Vails - saw some good fair looking cattle & colts. At the old Henderson place viewed some of Nelson Thayers's 2d hand cows. On arrival at Walbridges was sorry to find Stebbins D. absent - gone to the pocket Furnace to get castings executed belonging to his newly invented rolling machine - Lost 3 hours time waiting his return during which examined the paper making machine - wonderful invention. Saw Chas Walbridge who dunned me for a visit. We went over again to view cows, uncle Lem Sherwood joined us, while thus engaged the man arrived - heard good recommend of his cows. MrvS. examined a pair of good oxen which he seemed to want to purchase. All hands, including Hopkins, were invited to dinner. Jackson was much talked of by Mr S. & friend W., the latter shewed us the signature of Jackson at the bottom of his rolling machine Patent. After dinner paid my friend \$48 for 2 snug little cows 4 & 5 yrs old - dark red being the oldest. These joined to those bo't on the 3d were driven home through a goodly quantity of mud. On the way saw uncle S. Robinson - himself & family well. A. J. Haswell also gave us the time of day. Met a stranger in the street who said his name was Hiram Corey, residing in Shaftsbury Hollow - would sell 5 cows - the majority of which were of superior size to the largest we were driving - promised I would pay them a visit on the morrow. Our days tour had pretty well worn us down. Heard reports of big guns.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 Very fair & pleas't - frozen ground soon thawed up superficially. Mercury in the morning no lower than 29 just after sunrise. Eve'g 44 down to 42

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My project of visiting Corey's cows rec'd so faint a support, & other circumstances working contrary, my own mind having undergone the force of a large damper in the decided opposition of my hon'd father, that, in spite of a fair recommend from H. Waters of Mr C. I COULD not muster resolution to be in season for fulfilling my promise. Saw & consulted with L. Jewett who had been ill of late. Made short call at the printing office - rec'd Gazette - talked some with John C. Haswell - ret'd in waggon from town - P.M. started to take census of scholars in Dist. 2 Halted at Maj L. Norton's and from Mrs Risley who was there working, learned pretty much about all the children of the whole Dist. suitable to enumerate in my list. Started East calling at Lyman Sibley's where the woman of the house was from home - one of Elisha Downs' girls being there to see to affairs - about 13 - next at Corbetts - old gentleman, told me of his son's failure - \$200 to him leaving Whitingham - kept going E. until arrived at Stephen Harwood's - all in usual health - gave me in full the character of the cow which Lawrence wanted to sell me - Jared walked over with me - saw 2 very pretty black young cows, one of which had a calf, but not doing very well - said cows he would not sell for \$30. a head. The old cow was fair to the superficial eye, 3 years older than he pretended to call her, which was set at eight - Not many words upon this - Supp'd with cous Stephen & family & came home after dark. We sold & rec'd money for 7-1/2 lb butter at 1/0. The robin and blue-bird were heard to sing. At any rate the first was seen. Last eve by my son rec'd in full \$200 hired money & interest \$2 for 60 days from Isaac Doolittle pr his agent Asahel Harwood. See Jan 2 1834. The Pierce cows were bro't home - suited well. At Maj L's saw old Mrs Loomis, Miss C. Loomis & another lady besides Mrs N. Miss Laura assisted in giving information wanted in making out my List. She also by looking at her bills told me nearly what her years schooling at Middlebury amt'd to which was about \$60. T.C. Parsons left here this morning - had lately been in Troy - gave some acc't of Hoosick folks - most of whom were doing well. At S.D.W's saw Mr A. Sherwood - left log at saw-mill

THURSDAY, MARCH 6 Dark, cldy, smokey. Mercury 42 in the morning. Full of Shaftsbury Hollow - went to S.H. Browns' early in the morn'g & engaged a horse for cous. G. to ride in co. Elisha Wright harped me to buy his cow which he highly rec'd at the moderate price of \$28. After breakfast we were quietly seated on horseback - Conveyed H. Waters' little girl home, and by slow progress over bad travelling reached the residence of Joseph Niles Jun in W. Creek at 11 or 12 o'clock. David Niles happening to be there invited us to halt, so we did. Soon after Joseph got home. We stayed to dinner - horses fared well for hay & oats. Made known our business - they answered faintly & suspiciously respecting 's cows, nevertheless concluded we would go & see for ourselves. Before arrival at N's G. had called at his brothers, but he was not at home. J. Niles said he had 2 he would sell - one of which had a calf by her side. So we rode accomp'd by him and his brother D. up to his Stewart mountain place to view her. She was thin, had large

& otherwise circumstanced in a manner not to attract my attention - backed out without so much as making an offer. On the way back Mr Sisson, one of N's neighbors said he had a cow he would sell - took us to a stack down W. of his house & pointed out a snug built homely creature which he represented as very gentle, tough, hardy, always inclined to fill herself, provided she could get the material - said he must have about \$25 for her - age being only 7 - a number that cows are hardly ever permitted to exceed in years by those who offer them for sale. Told him if we took her it would be tomorrow morn'g. Leaving Mr S's handsome meadow, accomp'd by friend David came down the road to the schoolhouse - turned to the left, turned up the Creek through a rich valley, say 2 miles or more, until arrived at that wonder man's residence, and there saw a sett of miserably kept cows which had been penuriously fed on straw. His Mother cow we presumed must naturally have been, by common report, a good one, perhaps there were 2 or 3 others of good quality, had their condition been as it should have been. He shewed us an old red thing thzt he recommended smartly, which they afterwards informed us was good for nothing - was pwned last season by a Mr Bois who in the fall tried to swap it away for a fat sheep with D. Niles & could not because the latter conceived her to be of no higher value than her hide. Thus did this man lie to us, even asserting that his old cow had good teeth, when his neighbors supposed she had scarcely one in her head. A young fellow was there riding a young colt - belonged at a house some little distance this side C's. We were not long in deciding against a purchase here. Came by the most direct route to the residence of our friend David & put up for the night - Rec'd every attention - horses well oated & otherwise well provided for. Old Mr Locke, lady & one of his sons, having a red head, young Niles Carpenter (up) and a pretty smart hired girl appeared to constitute the family - David himself inclusive. Conversed chiefly in the eve'g on buying, driving & selling cattle - from which I inferred that the best judges sometimes get deceived by their own judgment. Retired in good season.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7 Very fine, really uncomfortably warm from 10 to 2 PM then SW wd arose, grew more cool, After taking breakfast, horses having fared nicely, having viewed in prospect the handsome farm formerly the property & residence of Esq Stewart, th nking our generous host for the kind treatment rec'd at his hands, we left with the idea of trying Dr Richards for a bargain, as they said he had a cow for sale, but just after passing Jo Niles' J. hailed us with the information that a Mr Slocum living a mile or 2 at the N.W, near a big woody hill or low mountain, being a person hearty as particular as myself in regard to cows, (they said) had some for sale. So away we posted - all of 2-1/2 miles directly out of our way, to see & know whether it were true. We found the fairest we had been called to pass upon as to plight & the man appeared, as he was reported to be, fair & honest. Tried to have us buy one that possessed a bad character, that is gave a fair quantity of milk, but would not stand easy during the operation of milking, would not kick, but would take leg bail. I told him I had had full experience in the use of such cows, therefore didnt wish to purchase. He appeared to be anxious to enter into some particulars respecting his farm which he wanted to sell badly - I would not wait for him - Requested me to send somebody to buy him out - Price \$1000 less than it ought to be, would receive for it \$2600. He shewed us a \$30 cow - we soon de

parted - came to the corner near the school house where Mr Sisson appeared to be fixing his fence - invited us again to view his cow, which was among his cattle, near a stack bottom where we saw her before. Niles Carpenter & his brother being present & assuring us that the word of Mr S. might be relied on, after receiving a favorable recommendation, age not over 7, he was prevailed upon to take \$24 for her which was paid on the spot & we started in good earnest for home. Mr S. assisting to drive as far as the Village. Called at Dr Richards but he was from home, the woman did not know whether he had any for sale or not. Mr S said that the cow which I foolishly failed of buying in May 1831 was sold by Mr Meritt last fall for \$16 - her reputation excellent - was sold in consequence of the owner's going off to Troy to live. Found muddy travelling enough. At the corner by the stone cutter's a man invited me to look at a cow which he valued at \$35 & nothing less, but feeling it to be inconvenient halting, paid no attention, kept straight along. A gent in a chaise with whose countenance I thought myself acquainted requested to know what cows were going at, and what was the value of the one we were driving? To both branches of the question vague replies were given - naming about \$20 for the last - he guessed higher than that - squaring with the price paid. Descending the Matthews Hill met a young gentleman on foot by the side of a fine horse, very neat pretty waggon, in which was seated one of the most beautiful young ladies, as my eye happened to glance at that moment, that I recollect seeing in a long time. At Esq W. Henry's saw a Mr Kressler who said he was going to remove to Troy, had a young cow, great favorite, 5 yrs old, selected from a lot in the hands of D. Niles - price 17 when 2 or 3 yrs old - had just butch'd the calf a day or since - gave now 16 qts of milk in a day - price \$22 only. I dismounted, after getting up to Deacons Hinsdill's neighborhood, examined the property & refused to purchase. Continued advancing slowly, falling in company with S.D. Walbridge near the Nichol's bridge, who related a pretty queer anecdote concerning an old Baptist minister who formerly preached at the White or West meeting house, Shafysbury. Elder Harpending, who confessed, on examination, the truth of the allegation which amounted to an act of fornication which resulted in the loss of his sacerdotal office. At uncle S. Robinson's halted, dined, horses & cow baited. They were boiling sap in a kettle newly and very appropriately set in an arch in the back room. People all well. They shewed us their 2 cows - 5 & 10 yrs old - intimated a wish to sell one of them. When sufficiently rested we moved onward - met Nelson Thayer as we commenced rising the Sam Fay hill against Saff'd Rob's orch'd - very desirous of selling me 4 good cows as he called them. I told him that if I should have business that way would give him a call. Next met J.W. Vail - sleek horse, well looking waggon, silver tipped harness, seated beside his fine wife - said he would sell me 3, of which 2 he could highly recommend. We got along through the Street quite comfortably - scarcely a person enquiring the price paid for our humble beast. Understood one gentleman to ask, as we came past F. Blackmer's, how much I would pay him for a cow worth \$5 more than that? Returned no answer. At S.H. Brown's resigned

up the hired horse with an acc't of the distance he had travelled, tho' perhaps lrss particular than ought to have been - requested Sam'l to chge what was right for it. Elihu Wright & Getty praised the cow which the former proposed selling me - stiff at \$28. At home our purchase appeared to be tolerably well rec'd. Grandfather & Hopkins had performed nobly in our absence. W.S.Southworth they said had paid a short visit here this day - Adeline attended Friday meeting.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 Rainy during the morn'g from the S, showered afterward from NW - grew cold lzte in the day - tow'd eve'g Mercury stood at 43. Business not very important - regilating stable Nof new barn floor so as to bow up 6 ins'td of 5 cows - E bay of the old barn cleaned out. Wrote more than 1 page of letter in reply to Wights of Feb.27 - cold & very high wd at night from N.W.

Sunday, March 9 Very rough, flying clds & roaring wind from N.W, Merc. mg 25, 3 P.M. 34 My lady & daughter were waited upon in wagg over the hubs by Geo P. to meeting where they heard reading, in the absence of the Rev Mr Hooker, by W.S.Southworth. I perused Spect'r respecting funeral of Judge Bouldin - about Deposites &c. then wrote 2-1/4 pages herein. Indeed did more, say 2-1/2 pages.

MONDAY, MARCH 10 Fair, high cold NW wd. Mercury 12 in the mg - 22 in eve'g. Finished a long letter to J.A.Wight, first part mostly an echo to his of Feb 27 - last part filled up with an acct of such little assurances occurrences and notions as were supposed amusing to him. Carried it to Har.Warrens to have it forwarded by stage driver. Afterwards, M.Cobb, the old S.Master, drpping in said Mrs S.House on Thursday last was married to Nelson Duncan by S.H.Blackmer Esq. This piece of intelligence was inserted on the outside of said letter. The former about 49, the latter sayn 25. The E bay of the old barn was floored with 2d hand planks. In the eve'g perused Biographical Sketch of the Life of Metastasio, an Italian Poet & Vocalist of the last Century.

TUEBDAY, MARCH 11 Broken clds, Swd, moderate, thawy, mg 30 eve'g 40. Geo trimmed up briars & other shrubbery in the garden. Father pd visit to cous Stephen & made calls at other places. I was up Street with my lady. Met H.Waters in Billington's wagg going for wood. At Patchins' bo't articles on cr - 7 yds cotton at 10-1/2 cs, hammer 71 cs, mirror 42 & 4 lbs nails at 7 cs. Saw Jacob Poole there, very much pleased with his cow which he had os us in Feb 1832. Called on Mrs Harris to come & wash, would come next day. Had 1 lb tea & papers at F. Blackmers. After getting home examined Getty's hay in stacks & in barn that is in S.H.Browns barn - didnt buy. Getty sold ld of hay to S.H.B. BY Grovers team out of the Fay barn. Plenty of oats & rats in Sam'ls up per Moseley barn. Getty & elihu were together - the latter said he must have for his cow \$28. I put a letter into the office this morning directed to Arnols, Leggett & Lapham informing them of the quantity of cheese I wished to dispose of, anf all particulars in relation thereto. In the eve'g E.Carpenter entertained us with a visit, read my N.Y.Jour'l to him with which he appeared well pleased. Wrote letter for him to A.L & Lapham, N.Y. to get information respecting his cheese - no I meant his butter which he bo't at the W.last fall. H.S.B. & Sulv W Daniels were here - the last commenced working 6 mos at \$13 pr month, from this day.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 Cls fr S, rained stingingly near night - wd turned N. Or W. Merc. 36 mg - 36 eve'g

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Hon L.Norton Esq called on me this morn'g to inform me that he had understood I was opposed to his letting Risley come into his Chatfield house - manifesting the wish to continue the good understanding which had always existed between us - I told him from what I had been told regarding the man I had reason to dread his coming into the neighborhood, nevertheless, if the bargain was made it must be so, and perhaps he would be less troublesome than was apprehended - at any rate he would admit such persons as he saw fit as tenants without regarding what I might say or feel in the least. We both agreed it was only the industrious prudent ones that were the right sort to pay rent & be good neighbors. He said he had applications, almost daily in E.Village, from those who would give sufficient security for the rent of either or both buildings on the C. place - at \$20 a piece - proposed to sell it to me for \$275 - but could not start me - felt no disposition to run in debt for that. Father & Geo cut butternut post timber in the woods. Dr H. Swift visited Lydia Harwood on account of sickness. I rode up street in wagg. with Sam'l H.Brown. Looked at clocks at Sanford's & B's price \$14. Went with John F.Robinson, viewed his hay which appeared good - bargained for 4 tons at \$8 pr ton deliv'd at the barn - he to pay for half the weighing, excepting the empty cart. Loomis was selling hay to E.Lyon of Woodford at \$9 - saw a team going off with a load. Fassett invited me to buy his Nicholls cow. Paid a short visit to cons. Mary Ann Sears. A.Hyde was there, supposed slowly getting better. Returned to the P. Office where joined Ezekiel Gore & W S Southworth in walking to E.Village - gave my opinion pretty freely of the farcical nature of our courts of law - my great hatred of the glorious uncertainty of the Law. Went in to Weeks' Bar Room, there saw our old rum drinking friends Tom Crawford & Serg't Brownson very happily conversing together - telling some pretty funny stories which I would insert if I had knack and time. Jonas F.Billing coming in - paid him 7 cs which I thought thro' mistake had rec'd of him for 1 bbl cider or say 34 gall's cider - discovered the error in looking over my cash entries. See May 16 1833. Stepped into the kitchen & enquired of the landlady if she could inform as to where could find a girl that would be hired to work at housework? She could not. Crossed over to Aus B & Co's store - Aust very strongly solicited me to trade with them - I answered vaguely - enquired for clocks - had them for sale - directed me to look at one at E.D.Waters', price \$12 - viewed but did not purchase. Examination Day in Academy at E.Village. Rode up to the old Congregational meeting house in waggon with a son of Jonas Galusha Jun - 14 yrs of age - rather under size - went into F.Blackmer's store - played music some time - capt P.Dewey pr present - wished he could play the flute - S S Scott furnished the instrument & book. At H.Waters wrote a pretty long letter to Uriel Kent, Dairyman, Dorset, Vt., describing what kind of hired girl we wanted, the number and situation of our family and every particular pertaining to the employm't of a girl - requesting him to write me whether one could be had of proper qualities & character, within 20 miles of him. Addressed another, but much less in prolixity, to John Phelps & lady of Rupert, Vr., on the same subject, requesting speedy reply. On the way home Deming shewed me his cow which he wanted to sell. This eve'g read W.J. Duane's 2d letter to the People of the U.S.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13 Unpleas't, very rough trav'g - high NW wd. . Merc
28 morn'g 29 night.

Father & Geo were engaged in cutting post timber. Seth Billington drew wood for H.Waters. H.Waters came down in afternoon & said his lady had become the mother of her 2d child, a daughter born some time in the course of the morning. I waited upon the lady of Mr Risley from the old Searls house near Gid Houses' to have a washing frolic here. We conversed on various topics & among others the late marriage of N.Duncan to Mrs H - concluding that if they were satisfied, we were too. Hopkins conveyed Mrs R. home in the early part of the eve'g. S.W.Daniels came over in the eve'g.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14 Hazy, storm expected. Merc 18 morn'g, 34 eve'g. All employed principally at sharpening posts. Taft of the firm of Cone & Taft, Hoos 4 Corners wanted to buy cheese - offered \$7-1/2 deliv'd in casks at the 4 corners - to pay on delivery - I was foolish enough to accept of his terms - giving in \$2 & having it removed by his teams to the Corners - no pay for casks - something was said in regard to cleaning the cheese, but I believe it was not included in the bargain. I requested time to think of his proposals, but he could not allow any for he should want the cheese next week, besides it would be taking too much advantage of him - said he bo't on his own acc't - not on Browns' - B. had nothing to do with it - He said so in consequence of my complaining of his conduct last year. S W Daniels came for milk this eve'g. Taft said he would write me on the morrow by mail

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 Cldy, raw N.wd. Merc. 32 mg 28 eve'g Those posts were finished out & distributed on the line or near it where they were to be used. Hopkins was sent to Doolittle's mill with 3 bbls wheat which he had ground - got his boots mended at J. Harwoods - left some provisions for Judah Harwood's people to aff'd a little pres't relief at Mr Barney's. I went to the P. Office where a letter was found from Cone & Taft stating that they would take away the cheese on the first of April - requested us to take out the cheese & cleanse it. I came home for advice, we were of the opinion that my bargain did not oblige us to do that - so I returned an answer purporting that if they meant to have our cheese they must take it next week just as it was - paying as stipulated on delivery - Paid postage - sent off the letter by afternoon mail. Saw Kellogg, J.F. Robinson, W S Southworth &c Saw a new fine publication with curious views of Church building, whale catching & other fine things. Saw 2 N.Y. prices current - cheese selling 6-1/2 to 8 cs - 7-1/2 to 9. Rec'd letter dated Brandon, Mar 13 from our friend J W Cobb who had made some enquiry respecting cows which as money was very scarce were selling remarkably low - from 16 to \$20 pr head - should visit us in about 1 month. Had some fun respecting the Deposites. In the eve'g I sat down & wrote a reply which chiefly relates the pencil & money. Turn back to Jan'y 14 - 17, 18.20. In the Street saw Samuel Wadsworth, E. Carpenter & others - made short call at Hiram Waters', saw the babe - spent a few moments in the shop among the hands & then rode home with Hopkins in waggon. Also rec'd a very full & long letter from J A Wight of Mch 12 in reply to mine of the 9th queer & amusing - have not time to enter the heads now. Adeline went to S.R. Rob's on a visit. After entering into contract with J.F. Robinson for hay - advanced him \$20 for which he gave me his receipt to account for the same. See March 12

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SUNDAY, MARCH 16 Very pleasant & handsome. Merc 20 mg, Eve'g about 40. Mrs H., Geo & Adeline went to meeting. Writing as usual. Rec'd papers of a late date from F. Blackmer - Rode to uncle S. Robinson's at night - they sent or prepared to send to cous. Heman H. Robinson, Fayetteville, N.C., A BOX OF app. cions including a letter & some other light articles. Cous. N.P. Robinson was going to Troy on the morrow - gave him direction to get 1/2 hundred nailes of Hedges, Lansingburgh - 1 bhl grass srrd & hat for B. Harwood - Let N. have \$12. Tarried over night - receiving every attention from uncle Samuel. Cous Amanda felt much pleased with the notion of going with Nathan to Tropy. Aunt Sarah much engaged in writing to her son Heman, ordered me some bread & butter & maple syrup molasses, which went well, shortly before going to bed.

MONDAY, MARCH 17 Rather chilly in the morning, but mainly moderate, some cldy. Mercury in the morn'g 32, late eve'g 30. Saw cous. N. after speaking to me respecting the payment of money due on note of Dec 27 1833, which I told him might run until the 1st of June start with his sister on a load of iron for Troy. Rode home before breakfast. Assisted in fixing to get Geo off to get hay of John F. Robinson. Before he came home with his load attended to barn concerns - wrote line to J.B. Lathrop on busines for H. Waters who was here in consequence of his little girl being with us rather ill - First load of hay weighed over 18 hund - J. Brooks guessed it at that. P.M. I accomp' D G. in getting the 2d load which weighed 2225 - J. Brooks guessed it at 2200. Saw at the barn of John F., his father & Jay Ballard. Called at Chandlers & saw the cow which he had of K. Brown - did not want her. Called on Mrs Hollister and saw another 4 yrs old which looked very fine - for sale. Came home accompanied by L. Jewett who complimented us by looking at our cows by entertaining us in conversation on various things. Mr Rockwood & family left the Andrews house this day for Briar Hill - Seth Billington occupying it in his stead - coming in on Sat. with his wife & effects. Last eve'g I was introduced to Hiram Hyde the bother of Asahel - the 1stter being now at Safford Robinson's - mending slowly. This eve'g Dr H. Swift came to visit the little Waters girl who was taken very ill late in the day. She grew more quiet & comfortable tow'd midnight. Adeline was away to singing school. Dr H. Swift talked respecting the Life of Casper Hansen, his assaination &c. Jackson, Deposites, Webster, Clay & such fine fellows. S.W. Daniels came early here in the eve'g - st'd not long. On the 14th one of the black Walbridge cows presented us with a fine make calf - also the Savage cow did the same early this morning. Rec'd this P.M. 2 letters by W. mail - the one from Arnold, Leggett & Lapham, N.Y. City, the other from Cone & Taft the former in reply to mine of the 11th stating in substance that butter was a very dull article. Cheese in consequence of their

holding the greater part of the article in market, could keep up pretty decent prices - old cheese from 7 to 9 cs - thought for mine could obtain 8 or more. Complained loudly of the conduct of the Administration in regard to the Bank, thereby producing great distress in the money market - if persevered in must end in universal ruin. The latter related related to the cheese concern - that they took it for granted that it might remain where it was - thought I was to take it from the casks and clean it. As it respected price, considered that they had agreed to give me quite as high as they could afford to - Requested me to rub it over well and let it remain where it was until the first of April. Didn't wish to mingle with small things - wanted I should do according to their statement respecting the cheese & they would see me satisfied for extra trouble - could not conveniently take it away before the first of April. Requested a reply - signed Cone & Taft. In the evening I drew up an answer in as smart, pleasant and independent style as I was able to - signifying a compliance with their wishes in every respect excepting the \$2 for transportation which I requested might be given in tow'd cleaning, weighing &c. I let them know how much I valued confidence in the transaction of business & that since I had rec'd news from N.Y. MY confidence in their offer was greatly confirmed. That had Mr T. been explicit & plain with me I should not have acted in the manner I had. Sent this by next day's mail. Said also - didn't feel anxious to sell, nor distress for money.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18 S.wd cldy, very slightly frozen in the morn'g. Merc.

30. Ev 46 Chiefly engaged in the transportation of hay which was bro't to a close & paid for in full to J.F. Robinson. Hay amt'd to 4 tons e90 lbs. In consequence of "Johns wort" & some other light stuff in it, when I paid him he threw off 190 lbs. Hay bill \$32.80, weighing cart 12-1/2c and the half of the other weighing, 25¢, total \$33.17 Cart & hay rigging weighed ab't 1/2 ton. Saw Dr N. Swift at S. Chandlers this morning who had much to say against the Reov'l of the Deposits - spoke rather unfavorably of my hay purchase. Henry Fassett said it would do for mechanics to buy hay - considered me a mechanic in the manufacture of cheese. Bo't a very pretty cow & calf of S. Chandler for \$26 - did not ask him to fall 1 cent. The cow was not hand some - 6 yrs old - recommended to be very good - calf 5 days old - Mr Brooks lost none of his reputation for guessing - the morning ld he won a dollar (up) upon of F. Kelly - coming within 35 lbs or so of the actual weight & hit exactly in the last which was 23 hund. Cows had now cost me in money for 8 hd \$204 - hay \$33.17 - total \$237.17 - For nearly 100 bbls rye \$73.87, which being footed with the other brings her up to \$311.04 - so much without naming salt, plaster & other articles, to begin with.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 Swd contin'd - rained latter p't of the day, previous to which the mud had dried up remarkably rapid.

Merc. in the mg 46, eve'g 58. With my son, who alone drove the oxen, visited the Olin & Colvin saw mill, left a log of bassw'd, which was transported on the naked axles of 2 carts. Gave orders to have logs, 3 in number, one yet at home, sawed into stuff full half inch in thickness, sawyers bill to be paid in butter at 1/0 - sawing to be done at 15/0 pt M. Colvin wanted to bargain for cheese, but I would not hear to it because I considered I had sold to Taft & Cone. A man from Cambridge, N. Y., or that quarter bro't along

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a small quantity of flaxseed, say 2-1/2 to 3 bbls which Colvin bo't at \$1.,pd. The gentleman said he was a farmer - had sold out & meant, after first going to look, as we say, to remove to some place in Genesee Co - the place he had sold consisted of a't 100 acres - anti Jackson - disliked the removal of the Deposites. On return from saw-mill walked up meeting house hill accomp'd by Mr Allen who spoke of the mistake of the projectors of the McAdam road below the foot of the hill, that they omitted properly to secure the sides by flagging - consequently the small pounded stones were constantly working out on either side of the way - complained of having been imposed on much by signing up for books which were never up to the recommend & at the same time cost the subscriber more than the non-subscriber. At F.Blackmer's bo't 2 lbs rice at 5¢ 1 lb crackers at 10¢ & 4 lbs or so of loaf sug at 1/0, charged to a/c. Saw at H.Waters' B.Harwood & his grand-daughter Adeline in waggon - the latter was conducted up street to join a company of young ladies who went to Saf'd Robinson's to eat maple sugar, as was said. The former after setting her down among her young friends returned to H.Waters' where he discovered that cous. N.L.R. had left there those articles I had ordered on Sunday evening last - 1/2 hund nails \$3.64, hat for father \$3.75, grass seed \$2.25, box to bring nails 15¢, total \$9.79 Geo P. killed 3 yg calves & repaired board fence belonging to N.Norton - lower corner of the great cowpasture - N.assisted some. Dr H.Swift gave my sister L. a potion of mercury. Mrs Risley executed washing for our ladies - waited upon in wagg. by Hopkins coming from & returning home. On Monday Mr Sam'l Safford came over with the lady of our cous Juda Harwood to crave some little assistance in the provision line which was promptly granted though not to any great extent. Hopkins did not visit there on Satur'y as mentioned under that date. Nineteen yrs this day since the marriage of H.Harwood to Sally Stone, 1815, - S.W.Daniels here this eve'g. H.Waters came at night & tarried until morning.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20 Rainy to considerable am't - earth needed rain - seemed rather making up for a roaring Easter, but at night came on to thunder & lighten, rained most powerfully & was said to have been attended with some hail. Mercury in the mg 46 eve'g 54. The old S.meado gate framed & put together by Reuben Kent June 26 to 28 1819, was fully & handsomely rep'd by G.P.Harwood - both end timbers, 2 or 3 of the slats & hinges remained good & were retained as well as the cap. There had been new posts & its position had been changed - at any rate on the score of economy, without taking into account the convenience & accommodation of the thing it proves much for a period of 15 years which was now nearly compleated since first built. Sleighs were regulated in shed loft - cows were well taken care of - Lydia getting better. In the ev'g S.W.Daniels & fr'd Getty were guests here - the latter talked of Willard Bates of Pownal, who had by his reckless behavior lost all neighborly regard among his fellow beings whoever & wherever located Adeline staid last night at H.Waters', rode home with her mother this evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21 Great rain over-night - streams unusually full - ground seemed to be nearly divested of frost - furious NW wd increasing cold every moment of the day - mercury falling from 35 in the morn'g down to 20 at night, late as 11 or 12 o'clock. The new Turnpike across the G.Mountain was said to have been much injured, Gov Robinson bridge carried off &c.

Butternut timber for bar posts was procured - some posts morticed on or near the spot where wanted but the cold coming on too hot for us, it was deemed wise to retire onto the floor of the new barn to prosecute the remaining business of the day. Cowsxwell & comfortably provided for - of which 4 were on the milking list, exclusive of 2 that were farrow, producing about 24 qts milk daily. S.W. Dan's came over as usual in the eve'g. I read with much pleasure the conclusion of W.J. Duane's 3rd letter to the People of the United States in his own defence. I should pronounce his views correct. Rec'd this evening the following letter by my son through the Post Office - of which shall take a copy;

Hoosick, March 20 1834

Mr Harwood; Dear Sir. On account of my absence, I did not get yours as soon as it arrived in this place. Mr Harwood, I think you must have misconstrued some part of my last communication. For I am sure that I wrote nothing that could have had the import which I fear you applied. Mr Harwood, I must say you advanced some new ideas to me.. I never considered it my duty to my fellow beings, or in fact to my God, to inform the man I purchased the article of, what I could get for it, by taking it to a certain market. You mentioned in yours that if I had told you what we was (were) paying for the article (Here he seems not to have carried out the sentence properly) We bo't cheese for 6 ¢ Should you have been willing to have sold yours for that ? If you have been left to the influence of vile suspicions, I must say I am extremely sorry. MrvHarwood my conscience is as clear as a hound's tooth as it respects my deal with you. True, confidence is everything, and I put the most explicit confidence in you; Mr Harwood I never supposed you to be a man that would turn a back summerset. You seem to rather carry the idea in yours, that I had taken you to be a quibbler & an odd mortal. This I never took you to be. I care nothing how odd a man is, if he come out even. I never was akarmed but what you would do as you agreed. Some expressions in yours accord with my feelings precisely. (Fair dealing is what I like) and thus I am sure I have dealt with you so far. As for the price, it is a loud one for cheese as times are this spring, & I am sure you have no reason to (rejoice) weep on account of your thus selling it - and I presume you do not, for you stated in yours that you have heard from the New York market - and if you heard the fact, you must rejoice at your sale. Mr Harwood please take the cheese out of the casks & cleanse it, & if you think we ought not to charge for cartage - we will leave it with you.

(signed)

Yours truly,

CONE & TAFFT.

Mr Harwood;

So it seems at last my cheese bargain stands completed. In regard to his telling me what he was going to get for it, I dont think my prying went so far as that, nor do I entertain so foolish an idea as to suppose a purcgaser is bound or under any obligation to tell it - but he might give some general notion of the state of the market so that the seller, if he lack information, should guess somewhere near what the value of the article may be, when the purchaser boldly asserts he offers all it is worth - as Taft did when he first came to me on Friday last. In my second letter to him I said if he had been more explicit on that day, by shewing me the whole ground I should

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not have acted as I had - hardly thinking my expression so very broad as to cover more than a fair statement of prices in market & what he was paying he5eabouts for the article, neither of which would be promptly come up to - but acted on evasive ground - which until after hearing from N.York made me suspect I could have done better. So much for cheese correspondence.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 Very cold, wind high & roaring from N.W. Mercury in the m'g stood at 10, did not rise above 12 for 2 or 3 hrs, eve'g at 18. scarcely thawed at all, mercury in fair sunshine standing no higher than 32. New stables were filled with cows which, after letting them drink, were not let out again, but remained over night there. A large vacancy in the woodshed was filled completely with wood, say altogether cords besides a loose pile of several cords not housed. Dr H. Swift came to visit Lydia, tried to console her by religious conversation - also gave his decided opinion in favor of the restoration of her health, she however persisted in the contrary belief. Dr Heman afterwards very profusely gave his opinion against Dr Jackson's measures, which if not checked must result in universal ruin to the people of the U. States. Lydia Waters was carried home by Adeline & Hopkins in wagg. Marched up Street, called at F. Blackmer's store where there were a number of persons snugly seated by the stove - among whom was Aaron D. Robinson who said it was too cold to work. Advanced as far as the P.O. - heard Mr Kellogg read great Democratic news from New Hampshire. Got the "Moral Lyceum" of Mar 19 - then went to L. Patchin & Co's where traded to amt of 75 cs on cr. Next under Love's horseshed saw Esq Fillmore who among other news informed me Mr Pool obtained for his late made cheese 8 c a pound - by the same men who purchased ours. Visited Bar-room a short time - saw Sam'l Loomis, young Wickwire & others. First learned that our friend Wickwire had broken his leg a short time since - doing well. Love app'd to have a great abundance of Sheriff's papers - said it was very heavy business to serve writs in these hard times. My face being set for home - called at Blackmer's - got Spectator Extra in which 2 of W.J. Duane's late Letters to the Peop. of the U.S. $\frac{3}{4}$ passed the eve'g very quietly read'g the papers - various opinions in relation to the causes of pecuniary distress. Some laid it to the Gov't/as Jackson is called, & others to President Biddle.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 Cold morning, grew mild as the day wore off - cldy, hazy. Merc in the morning stood at 18 - eve'g early 32. Spent in much the usual way - reading little - writing much - in which operation was included a kind of business dunning letter for H. Waters to J.C. Andrews, Pittsfield, Ms. G.P., Sally & our Adeline went to meeting - heard Mr Hooker preach on what was proper for mothers to do in the management of their children while young. Rec'd late in the day the comp'y of S.W. Daniels, H. Waters & Mr Ros'll A. Buck. W. recommended itvto me most earnestly to purchase a neighboring farm. My will was good but the means were wanting. Hopkins was of the number that visited church - paid close attention to the Sermon.

MONDAY, MARCH 24 Moderate, cldy - Merc mg 30, eve'g 32. Geo P. Worked for H. Waters at splitting very ugly logs in woods. Father & self sowed about 3 pecks

grass seed on Clark's orch'd & the field sown with wheat last September. Some rails & stakes were conveyed to a proper place for use. Afterwards took off large North orch'd gate from hinges whereon it had been used for about 15 years - see Mar 20 - this gate having been built at the time now alluded to, by the same gentleman. A vender of wooden clocks called to see us, to sell one, but after examining 3 of them slightly - suffered him to return them to the place of deposite & be off to the S. The article was manufact'd at Goshen, Con't - offered at ten dollars. I felt as if there might be deception in the thing & along with other considerations, though the man offered to set up one on trial & would wait until fall for pay, determined me not to buy. Yankees are full of craft. Uncle S. Robinson waited upon his lady here, went himself to visit his uncle Sol Safford & attend to some business in E. Village. Returned near eve'g & operated on my fathers ears for the sake of better hearing. Aunt Sarah entertained us with account of great days work which she executed in her youth. They departed for home by about sunset. Mrs Risley was waited upon by Hopkins back & forth morning & evening on acc't of washing here. Betsey Street here this ev

TUESDAY, MARCH 25 Late in the morn'g commenced storming from the S. - finish sort of snow. I think the merc. stood at 32 & not far from that in the eve'g. Geo P. drew wood in cart for H. Waters - team of 3. S. Billington was out with his team in that employment. It was so stormy that not much was attempted by B. Harw'd or Son - Cows were properly seen to. Newspapers on the pressure &c were perused with care. Dr H. Swift came to visit our sister Lydia - saw nothing in her case against her getting well - Talked over politics of the day.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 Cold, thin fleece of snow on the ground. Merc 24 mg Eve'g say 32 or thereabouts. Attended Annu al March meeting. Same Moderator, same Clerk as heretofore. For selectmen, Heman Robinson, Alvah Rice, Enos Rudd, Sam Loomis and Calvin Gillson. Was not informed who were appointed Listers. Aaron Robinson, Treas'r - in lieu of Solo Safford who tetired on avv't of age & infirmities. First Constable chosen by nomination - second constable by ballot after the 3d or 4th trial. Candidates being Daniel B. Hinsdill, Turner Hill, Norman Downs & one or 2 others - Hinsdill obtained it. The next principal business was raising taxes - The report of the settling committee, consisting of Wm Haswell and two others not recollected, was read, and after some sharp remarks from L. Patchin, H. Kellogg & others, was accepted. New committee to settle with the Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town - consisted of Messrs L. Patchin, H. Kellogg & U.M. Robinson - efficient characters who probably would make a full report for 1834. Taxes for support of poor - 2-1/2c on the dollar - 2-1/2 do for building bridges & repairing high ways - not enough however to clear the town of debt - which was said to be about \$300. The next most important question was what should be done with the proceeds of the School Fund? After much was said for & against a division among the School Districts of those monies, which at this time would give very little relief, and produce derangement in the scheme of progressive accumulation now going on, and besides it appearing that the principal was well & safely secured by mortgage or otherwise, the Article, after some fine things were said, by Stephen, U.M., D. Robinson Jun & others against touching this growing fund - was dismissed for good. It was said to be up to ~~\$1700~~ \$4700.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 27 Fine cold morn'g - Merc'y stood at 10 - eve at 32 rather on the chilly order, grew muddy as the day advanced. Tho's C. Parsons spent the night with us & assisted in the morning in loading a large bass log for the saw mill on cart wheels. Geo P. went with it, having spike team. Soon afterwards news was brought of the destruction, by fire, of the shop & tools of H. Waters, doors, sashes &c calculated for J.B. Lathrop's new house in Arlington, besides a great deal of other valuable property - and his shop being joined up to his dwelling, the kitchen, which had been erected about 18 months since at great expense, was also destroyed, but the principal part of his front building was saved, roof greatly damaged, leaving it in so ruinous a condition as to render it almost unfit for repairs. The fire caught in the 2d story about 7 o'clock in the morning while Waters & hands were at breakfast. We saw the smoke, and faintly heard the meeting house bell, but thinking the smoke was from the burning of shavings or some such slight cause & not much heeding the bell, paid no attention to either. After information was given no time was lost in hastening to the spot. But it was all over with - the fire had done what it could - every exertion had been made to subdue it & that successfully. A fire engine was bro't up from E. Vill. and worked most powerfully, notwithstanding the comparative rawness of the hands that managed it. Among others having the control of that fine oppser of fire, we are told Mr Alanson P. Lyman most conspicuously signalized himself. Not being present when the lines were formed for carrying water from Chandlers shop & from the same stream in Dr Swifts meadow, it cannot be expected that I should give particulars - but it will suffice to say that the gentlemen & ladies, boys & girls of the immediate vicinity & from other parts of the town wrought wonders, exerted themselves to the utmost in procuring water, in carrying away the furniture, provisions & other valuables belonging to the house and in guarding neighboring buildings which were most imminently exposed. Had there been a press of air or say wind from the S. all of the buildings on that side of the way must have been destroyed as far as the corner opposite to Hinsdill's & perhaps a great deal farther. About all the furniture, doors, windows &c of H. Waters were very carefully and we may add, most wonderfully preserved. The shop formerly occupied by T. Hendryx in the tailoring business, standing near the house of H.W. $\frac{3}{4}$ UP RIGHT WALLS OF BRICK was unroofed to save it from total destruction - consequently Mrs Chapin & family, husband being at N.Y. or elsewhere abroad, (was) were turned out of house & home - saving all their movables in the bargain. The houses of Messrs Canfield & S.H. Blackmer were, through fear & precaution, mostly cleared of furniture while there was supposed to be great danger of the spreading of the flames. H. Waters' loss maybe put in round numbers - say Buildings \$1500. Tools \$500. Board & work \$500 - \$2500. and then there being the material furnished by J.B. Lathrop - loss to him - \$200.

Too much praise cannot be awarded to the good people who assisted in suppressing the flames and in the removal of furniture - especially those ladies belonging to the two rival institutions - Bennington Academy & Bennington Seminary - all was done that could be done

Returned home in Colvins waggon. T.C.Parsons being also along. Sold C 13-1/2 lbs ~~butter~~ butter tow'd sawyers bill - C.viewed new barn &c &c Geo & self commenced cleading cheese. Much was said to have been done by subscription for H.Waters. The hands of H.W. suffered some loss in clothes & tools. Ault \$23.48 - Buck \$15.63, Rood \$16.75, Geo Robinson \$11.25. They most faithfully exerted themselves to give assistance in every possible way. Cous. H.Robinson signed 3 dollars, although he lost more than that sum by the fire. The work designed for the house of Lathrop would have been soon removed to Arlington had the fatal catastrophe not have occurred. It was the product of about 6 hands labor for about 12 weeks. So much for a sudden blow up. So goes the property.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 Fair, pleas't growing warm Therm. 21 eve 43.
Cleaned cheese, of which casked & weighed off 2060 lbs - 40 cheeses - 7 casks - H.Waters lady, children, nurse, maid & 3 hands & effects, most of them, were landed here this day. Bill Dorrill & J.Brooks had a hand more or less in this business. Dr H.Swift and others exerted themselves in procuring subscriptions for H.W. Mr Cobb was off this morning - last eve'g he laughed heartily at hearing me read J. Downings letter respecting the sitting of the old hen &c.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 Great change of weather occurred this day. S.WIND in the early part of the day. Therm. in the mg 46, arose afterward to about 78 P.M. suddenly dropt down to 32 - in the eve down to 24 or 25. Cold snow storm late in the day. Much was carried on in the way of bringing on goods - making arrangements in the house &c. The cow & hay of H.W. were bro't down. I was up Street - pd \$9.25 to D.S.Sheldon for tuition & books for Ad. & Hopkins - did this at J.T.Robinsons, his boarding place - held some mom'ts pleas't conversation with him on education of youth &c promised by request to pzy me a visit. Left hoop iron with J.Rob. - might call for the work on Monday next. Saw Sam'l Fay in Love's piazza, seemed to be wonderfully impressed with the idea of ruin & destruction through the dreadful obstinacy of A.Jackson. At L.Patchin & Co's bo't on a/c 1 lb tea 3/9. Saw L. Jewett there doing some sort of business with L.Patchin. As we, H.Water being with me after leaving the store, came down to the Bank made an attempt to call, but Raymond was from home, door fast. At the Post O. received a letter from a gentleman at the North advising not to come to that place to purchase cows - from \$20., \$25 up to \$30 pr head. At F. Blackmer's bo't 20 lights glass at 3" - charged. Gov Tichenor was present. Took Spect. of Mar 20 & 24 - came home before night - bringing some stuff of household kind for H.Waters whose boys all put in here in the evening. Ira B.Dewey staid with us over night - had rec'd a letter from his cousin C.C.Webster, Ferrisburgh, Vt., uncle Jared Dewey & lady had been there on a visit - returned over over the Lake on the last day of Feb. A proposition was made to Ira to buy a farm in Hopkinton adjoining his fathers - it could be had forvready pay for \$300.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 Fair & severe - Thermom in the mg 10 - eve 20.
House pretty full - Geo P. was at church - heard Mr Hooker on Government yet more - Good.

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Mr Rood was also at church - two other boys went PM. Felt anxious to read papers especially Mr Gallatin's report to the Union Committee in N York on the currency &c but writing kept me from it - had to bestow some pains & attention on the entry of the unhappy event of Thursday last. Sylv W.D. spent a part of the eve'g here, very lively. Adeline M. complained of violent headache all day - could not go to meeting. We now were making cheese from the milk of 8 cows - 2 of which were farrow. The hay we purchased of John F. Robinson lasted until the end of Mar 29. See 17th. On the 28th I refused to lend a friend \$25 only for 4 or 5 days - felt afraid - didn't know what the end might be - knew my money came from & must return to the Bank again.

MONDAY, MARCH 31 Clear & pleas - cold morn'g . merc. down to 10 or 12 and late in the eve'g. Chimney in the dairy house torn down, hole through which it passed the roof shingled over - said chimney was erected only 3 yrs since - did not carry smoke very well and otherwise failed of answering the desired end for which it was built. The old orch'd gate was fully repaired ready to be carried off to stand at the entrance of the newly contrived night pasture. Cheese casks were marked in due style, partly by my hand & partly by Hopkins. Three tierces N. Scotia plaster deliv'd here by Leonard Godfrey for N.L. Robinson. Geo built a fine bench or horse for us to stand on when driving fence posts. E. Fay Jun came up this morn'g & talked as if he wanted to purchase cows. Hiram Waters & boys were active in picking up tools & conveying them to H. Norton's for repairs. Mrs Sam'l H. Blackmer & Mrs Coffin were here late in the day - young F. Blackmer came with them. Our friend John Harwood made final settlement with us. Acc't for 2 yrs end'g on the 3d of Jan 1834 & up to this date inclusive amt'd to \$15.51 On our part charges came up to \$10.96 - leaving balance due him \$4.55 - which was paid in full - books balanced - everything squared to mutual satisfaction. Our women, including Mrs Jepson who performed washing for H. Waters folks, all that were well enough, visited the barns to see the cows all regularly bowed up - They expressed astonishment as is usual with ladies on all occasions which they fancy a little extra. Boys mostly here in the evening. Dr H. Swift came in the eve'g on a professional visit - said much in regard to Jackson - making him out by what has been written by Mr Duane, to be indeed a mere tool in the hands of the V. Presd't & Kitchen Cabinet. The report of the Union Committee on Banks, Commerce, the Currency & everything connected with business transactions, drawn up by Mr Gallatin and published in the N.Y. City papers I think is a first rate Paper - no mistake at all - first rate - It was read in the Merchant's Exchange, N.Y., March 20 1834 before one of the most numerous & respectable meetings of merchants & men of business ever held in that City. Three curdled cheese made 27th weighed 27 lbs.

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Unpleas't, very chilky, driving S. wind, cldy, rainy,
Mercury in the morning stood at 36 eve 8g 49. The red gate made by Hiram Waters was this day erected, at the entrance into the waste land adjoining Gen Robinson's wood lot - posts furnished by B. Harwood - hewn by Geo Robinson - apprentice to H.W Gate made of good material - firmly rivetted & nailed together - planed & painted - warranted with care to last 35 years.

Said gate & trimmings were at the expence of H.W , IN CONSIDERATION OF the privilege of passing to and from his wood land with wood or other stuff the produce of sd land - The old N.Orch'd gate of 15 yrs standing having rec'd proper repairs was removed up the cow lane to the bar-way near the Big Hole in the S. meadow now about to be included in a night pasture. N.L.Robinson came up with his lady - settled with me on our late cash dealing - I had advanced to him \$14 since the 17th March to purchase nails, hat, grass seed & plaster - he had laid out \$15.74 - I balanced the concern by paying \$1.74 Sam H.Brown very sick. Commenced foddering stock off W. hay mow - estimated to contain 8 tons. H.Waters was employed in getting together tools. The tub made by Mr Pool was paid for \$1.25 ' bro't home. Cheese of 3 curds made on 31st from milk of 8 cows weighed 43 lbs. H.H.Harwood this day 12 yrs of age - thought less - full of play - fine enough yet.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 Rainy morn'g - pleas't P.M. Merc 50 morning & evening. Early part improved by G.P. in perforating bottom & sides of new tub at Coffin's shop to make it answer the end for which it was intended - that is to do the office of a cheese basket P.M. the usual business performed in meadows when farmers begin to get out upon their farms was executed in part by us. The gate wbove mentioned was erected near the Big Hole, leading into the great pasture. H.Waters & Geo Robinson ground tools on grindstone in the old lower kitchen. For the former wrote letters on business to Dan'l MacDonald, Hebron, N.Y. to J.B.Lathrop, Arlington, Vt., and G.W.Briggs S.Shaftsbury The former owed money lent him in June last \$15 due last Feb. Immediate payment was demanded. Roswell Buck came down from Arlington. Got him to endeavor to hire us a girl in some of the mountain towns E.of Arlington. He appeared quite sanguine as to the result - said the person whom he had in view bore the name of Fuller. Sylvanus W.Daniels came over in the evening as usual.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3 Pleas't, good for most kinds of business. Merc 28 Eve 38. Fence on the hill next S.H.Browns' farm erected in 1816 was well repaired & so was the fence all around that lot. S.W. Daniels & his friend Wight were in kindred employ't on the farm of S.H. B., calculating for an enclosure for their sheep. Gave H.Waters on S.C. Raym'd for the money mentioned on the 18th day of Jany last. Betsey Street was employed in making coat for H.Waters. W.Ault, G.Robinson & employer were here in the eve'g - also S.W.Daniels who reported rather favorably respecting Sam'l H.Brown.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4 Pleas't, cldy, wind blew pretty smartly from N.W. Mer stto'd in the mg at 28, evening at 38. Plaster was sown in the big cow paster - beginning at the E.side - advancing Wto a little the elm tree S of the clayey flat - then the old ox pasture - 9 actes - then 6 acres west of Brown's 5 acre bit on the Fay farm - last ly on 5 acres N. of the main cow pasture W.of the main Fay farm below the old butternut tree corner & 2 acres oat ground & some ground at the west. Geo P., Thos Kent, Isaac Allen & myself were thus employed. B.Harwood gave assistance - a little at sowing, but mainly at driving team. Eyes very much affected excepting Allens - computed quantity sown at 1-1/2 tons - mostly in tierces - about half of which appeared to be Western instead of Nova Scotia as it was bo't for. Hopkins was

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sent to Ira Armstrongs where he procured the quantity of rye & corn named in an order drawn in favor of T. Kent & Henry Warren - carried the same to mill, had it ground & returned to the residence of said K - left grist & got home before night. Thomas' day's labor paid the shot. On the 3d inst Philip Risley & family commenced living in Tan Brook. H. Waters & G. Robinson were fully employed in fixing tools. Ylvs W.D. came over in the eve'g - Mr Brown remained yet very ill. B. Street con'd tailoring

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 Cold morn'g, pleas't day. Merc. in the mg stood at 24 & at 10 in the eve little lower than 30. Maple & other hard wood for fuel & a moderate load of rails were transported for H. Waters by Geo & self. Fencing & bars about our grove were put in order by B. Harwood & hands - including bars near the upper corner of the upper orch'd & other notions of the kind. Fences were now closed against any more teaming across this farm, which during the late open winter had suffered to an unusual degree. Paid visit in the eve'g to S. H. Brown - found him in pretty good spirits - had begun to take food considerably - we talked some of scarcity of money & of the ruinous measures of the administration &c. Young Mr Grover came up from E. Village to see him - so also did his physician - Dr Bigelow - who informed me he was collector of Mr Hookers tax for 1834 - told me he would leave his rec't with Mr S.H.B. & that I might pay it ~~to~~ next Monday, to which I agreed. H. Waters & hands were all here at night. The former had presented my order to Raymond who refused paying it without first seeing me - told him if I should say to him that I must have it he would pay it to me. B. Street finished Hiram's coat & went home to S.H. Browns. Hopkins came to S.H. Browns' from Mr Daniels with the bull mentioned on the 9th of Dec'r last where he had been kept up to the pres't date - calculated to have Mr B. keep him awhile. Rec'd letters from N. Dexter of N.Y. City and Cone & Taft, Hoosick Corners. The former stating that he had made inquiries respecting cheese, but times were so bad everything was at a complete stand - they were looking out for something more favorable soon - would then assist me if I would write him. C&T signified that they could not get away the cheese until next week - Election in the way. Mr C. had been sick. On the 4th inst rec'd another load of lumber on contract with B.R. Sears by the hand S H Blackmer himself.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 After the cold of the morning was off it was pleasant & agreeable - Merc. morn. 24 eve 50 third, nay 4th, cheese weighed 30 lbs. Geo, Adeline, Hopkins, Harr't Albro & some of the boys were off to church. Mrs Graves was conveyed home by one of H. Water hands. She had served her employers most faithfully as nurse & in seeing to household affairs - but was more particularly good & remarkable careful at the time of the fire - when through her vigilance the furniture was carefully preserved.

MONDAY, APRIL 7 Fair, drying winds from S.E. Mercury 50, eve'g 52 18 loads manure were carted into the Little meadow, loaded by B. Harwood & Geo Rob-

inson, the latter for H. Waters, to whom cr was given therefor on a/c. Geo P. managed the team. Isaac Allen sawed wood for sd Waters, Dennis Billington drew wood for him, fixed road so as to come down Montagues old lime-kiln. I visited the street accomp'd by H. Waters. Dr N. Swift came to me expressing great surprise at the course taken by Hiram Waters in regard to the insurance of his house & shop - which for awhile had been in the hands of Ed H. Swift & during that time had been insured in the "Vermont Mutual in his name - the plave veing afterwards restored to H. Waters - Edward neglected to transfer the insurance & so it remained at the moment of the fire - supposed by most people to be a dead letter - insurance consequently lost. Waters felt as though it all happened through the negligence of Ed'd - others felt so too - particularly Mr Sanford - the former, poignantly regretting the loss of property, had expressed himself very warmly against his friend Ed'd - causing the doctor to feel great uneasiness - believing Ed'd to have been until now one of W's gre greatest friends - would have done almost anything to assist him. But since Hiram had so acted, manifested so much ingratitude he could no longer do for him - and even though his influence & the sympathy felt by others for the abused Edward - many had withheld their signatures from the suscription list got up for W's benefit. I told the doct. I was ignorant of thse things - presumed H.W. saw the matter through a wrong medium - I would see & try to reason with him on the subject. I did so - but found as to kindness there had been nearly as much on one side as the other - W sayinf he had traded with Swift & Son to the am't of \$8000 annually within a few years past - owed nothing to either of them at present. He said, however, situated as he now was he should say but little respecting it. Saw him receive \$5 by the hand of Heman Robinson on subscription in full - saying he intended doing more hereafter Gen'l D. Robinson settled & paid a small a/c off hand, \$2.22 Capt H. Robinson was now in his 48th yr. In front of Love's saw Hiram Wallace who said Josiah Stone & family resided in Litchfield, Conn. - forwarded compliments by him - enjoying pretty good health - his son carried on business, that of making shoes. W. spoke of the old dog Fayette, glad to hear of his good health. A gentleman who had formerly, say 3 or 4 yrs since, been with a co. rogue confined in Bennington jail on some criminal accusation from which by means of his purse he escaped, just before the Stage was off for Albany, walked up to & spoke with Darius Clark, who at first did not know him, soon however recognized & conversed with him a mom't. The man took a pretty quick round among those he knew and way away. Came to the P. Office rec'd Moral Lyceum - next halted at F. Blackmers - talked with Capt P, Dewey & Frank respecting the \$20 - they thought I ought to have it and that my conduct in regard to it had been proper. So having heard Mr Raymond say this morning in front of Sanf'd & B8s store that the money was ready for me whenever I would call at the Bank, I posted up there & promptly rec'd the twenty dollars about which so much had been said. Itold Mr R. I was so confident of having let him have \$300 on the 31st Dec'r last

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that I felt no hesitation as to the propriety of receiving the money, but added that if ever I should discover that I lost it before it reached his hands - would promptly refund it to him - On paying he said legally I could claim nothing of him, but in equity he felt bound to pay it - went on to say that if he entrusted me with a sum of money to carry to Troy or elsewhere & should lose a part or the whole of it - legally he could not exact anything of me - but presumed I would do what was fair and just. I replied in the affirmative, saying I required no more of him than in similar circumstances I should be willing myself to do to him & others. Took leave with a compliment for his manliness in thus handing over. See Jan'y 18, 20 &c. On the way home made a short call at S.H.Brown's - B. still mending in health - left with his lady \$6 to pay subscription in full toward salary of Rev Ed W. Hooker - 1834 - P.M. having got home joined in the main business of the day. Mrs Jepson performed at washing for H. Waters - I would mention being in gen'l Henry Robinson's office a short - looked at the great book containing the full returns of census in 1830 - throughout the U.S. Saw pretty good clock which offered at \$12. Mark Morrison this morning wanted to buy a farrow cow but our price being \$20 he went away without making an offer. Long Isl'd cow had a calf.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8 Warm, grass started a-pace, cldy, some rainy, W'd S.E. Mercury in the morning 58 - eve'g 56. 19 loads manure was carted onto ploughed ground in the hither part of the S. meadow Had assistance from George Robinson, one of H. Waters hands - S. Searls came up & conversed with us awhile - came with his family into the Tan Brook shop on the 7th inst to reside. G.P. Harw'd butch'd 3 young calves. Mr Harmon Canfield came down to wait upon his lady home, she having come down to visit Mrs Waters during the P.M. - held some conversation with him. H. Waters was under preparation for visiting New York - lent him \$54 in Bennington bills, with exception a \$2 Central Bk Cherry Valley, N.Y. Boys all here in the eve'g - Miss Street was employed in tailoring for H.W.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 S.E. wind & clds contin'd - some little sprinkling of rain - Continued the business of the 8th - 20 lds carted onto the same piece of ground - H. Waters off early to N.Y. with Deac Hinsdill - Going to get a supply of tools.

Bys all here in the evening - Sylv's W. Daniels among the rest. It was proposed that the gentlemen & ladirs of the company should be weighed - so they went at it.

S.W. Dan's	was first	- aged	24 yrs	weighing	183 lbs
G.P. Harwood	,	25	,	,	147
Hiram Harwood	,	45	,	,	145
Owen Rood	,	23	,	,	145
Wm Ault	,	23	,	,	157
Geo Robinson	,	18	,	,	142
Miss Sally Harw'd	,	40	,		143
Miss Harriet Albro	,	20			115
Miss A.M. Harwood	,	18			112

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Weighed to S.W.D. 2-10/16 lbs butter for S.H.Brown on book - at 1/0 & he went home. Young calves were coming on daily at this time - sold the Blue Dimmick cows to Tho's Kent - pay in work - price 50¢ - that is let him have it for 1 days work. Mrs Risley washed at the house of B.Harwood - recd 3-8/16 lbs butter at night - this article was said to be scarce at this time. April 6th in the eve'g subscribed for assisting H Waters tow'd loss by fire & paid \$20 in money.

THURS. APRIL 10 Cldy,rainy from S.E. Merc mg 39,eve'g 34, Nearly wound off carting manure - of which there were in all about 73 lds - & of that number 55 were deposited on S.Meadow ploughed ground. Late in the day went to Stephen Pratt&s & selected 7 wide pine scant inch boards at 2 cs pr foot to be paid for next fall. P.informed me of the suit between Sam Rockwood,plaintiff, & Simeon Harwood,defendant,for damages to the former by causing,while the latter was Surveyor of Highways,an old log in Jewett's brook - once the foundation of a dam built by Eph Smith Esq.,say about 20 years since,to be snaked out of it & left in Rockwood's meadow. R. put in for damages before the County Court - but got beat all hollow. H.W.'s boys came home from attending county court - had heard the Sim Harwood cause. Mother was ill - sent for Dr H.Swift and took medicine at his hands. D.Billinton drew wood for H.Waters. Wickwire took home wood sleigh. Cheese of 2 curds made 7th & 8th inst weighed 26-1/2 lbs.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 Fine as any day ever seen in April - 30 mg -eve'g 54. Mid-day 60 or 70. Gallowsed one of the black cows bo't of Walbridge Sen. Yard cleared of rubbish of almost every description so as to make it more safe for the creatures when driven by their fellows as is often the case. Hopkins was sent for & returned with the noards bo't of S.Pratt Sen. Geo P. entered upon planing them. Harr't Harwood & A.M.A&bro quilted at Sam Robinson Sen's - went down & returned on foot. We were suspicious that the Sisson cow was a kicker. See March 7 1834.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 Really fine - too dry to be very cheering. Mercury in the mg 32 - eve'g early 58 - afterward down to 48. The dairying concern,which of course included the care & feeding the cows occupied special attention at this period. Clearing ground against S.H.Brown's line N. side N.meadow - newly laid down for mowing made up a part of our employment. Benj R.Sears,Forbes his brother in law & Geo Robinson worked at planing & setting up shelves in cheese house - The two first to be set to the Cr of B.R.S. - the last to be credited to H.Waters. Rood & Ault ret'd from "Shakespeare" as they called Shirkshire where they had been working on a building owned by H. Blackmer - near his saw-mill. Past 10 in the eve'g H.Waters arrived from N.Y.City where he had purchased a fine lot of tools - Related many wonderful misdeeds done during the late election by Irishmen under the wicked influence of designing leaders of the Jackson party. B.Billington drew wood for H.Waters - Mr Hooker pd Mrs W. a visit. Since April 6th there had been added to our stock 10 calves.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 13 One of the finest & warmest days ever seen at this season in our climate - Thermometer stood at 41 in the morning - eve'g up'd 60. Pleas't but too dry. Uncle Sam'l Robinso lent a hand in a difficult case in his way - theefore could get but lit tle time to write. Gep P.went to meeting 1/2 a day. Harriet & Adeline were there all day - Hopkins likewise. Copied an a/c for H.Waters against W.Ault - up'd \$80 - Waters & Rood in the evening went to N.Benn & bro't thence a quantity of steel squares of elegant finish made by Briggs.

MONDAY, APRIL 14 Continued dry & very warm - Mercury in the morning 41 - noon 98 in a very exposed position. 1/2 past 4 P.M. 85. Plowing executed by G.P. - B.Harwood performed at fencing. Visited Street accomp'd by H.Waters. Saw at Hendryx shop, which was being under repairs, bricks being drawn there for the erection of the 2d story. E.Montague to whom in Blackmer's store pd 1 shilling for lime in full. Called at Sanf'ds & Browns - at S.F.Phelps' where a clock was offered at \$12 - 6 mos cr - at P.O. rec'd very fine letter from U.S. Kent from which I had the satisfaction to learn that he had very faith fully endeavored to find us a girl - had givennup entirely about the last of March - but on the 4th inst heard of one that could be had at \$1.50 - but did not believe she could earn nor that I would give such wages. To the foregoing retuned an answer warmly acknowledging the favor & kindness he had manifested in thus acting toward an entire stranger - forwarding compliments to young Mr Southworth & parents - being un able at that moment to recollect his name, which was Gustavus - Had the privilege of writing the latter at L.Patchin & Co's where I readed to the 5/0 Yk for as many yds unbleached c sheeting for cheese cloths - Lyman Robinson was preparing to go to N.York next day - by whom forward ed a line to C.C.P. Crosby, Ed. of the Moral Lyceum & Genius of Temperance - desir'g after the fulfillment of the years contract to stop the peper - intimating that one liked the paper very well but could not continue it for lack of funds - Meeting with Leonard Godfrey who informed me he was going that mirning to Troy I borrowed \$11.50 at L.P. & Co's & put in his hands to buy me 27 hund'd N.S.plaster which he engaged to do. At the Court house door heard Carter Hall state the case of Henry H.Robinson being terribly injured by being run on to whole seated in his waggon on his way home & not far from his house, by horses owned by Lewis Beach which were attached to a two horse wagg. They started in the hollow by Wid. Squires', being left without tying by a youth who had business at Coffin's Cabinet Shop - ran up gen. D.Robinson's hill - turned off at the Bk, took down thar road & did the mischief above stated - for which Henry had instituted a suit in court against Beach for damages. It was his twin brother that Carter stated the facts to - L.B was sick - I sent word that I wanted a job in his line executed. Many circumstances in regard to the horse case or horse-running-away case might be mentioned but I have only time to say that Henry's youngest brother being with him was thrown out of the waggon and so badly shocked as to leave him senseless for awhile, but recov'd without receiving any serious injury - Mr B. said it was the first case of the kind ever bro't before our Court.

Visited Court chamber, saw judges Williams, Burton & Bottum - heard some part of the testimony in the affair between Si Bates, Constable in Pownal, & Willard Bates respecting the seizure of some grain &c &c - quite Pownally - did not stay to hear it out. Dropt into D. Clark's reading room - talked with Sol Clark respecting Andrew Jackson, with whom he appeared so exactly satisfied, that it was no use to dispute with him. The Court dismissed the jury. Went to Love's - saw a goodly number of people - many of whom presumed were from Pownal - Returned to F. Blackmer's. Heard Jacksonism much talked of. Walked over to Ogden's - saw fine new stage coach go out for Troy - but not now. John Hicks being there informed me it was the production of Mr A's shop. Visited Seminary building in which formed Mr Manchester - invited him to come & whitewash for us - promised to come next week. Paid respects to the house I would say the new house of Mr Deming - built for him by Sanford & Brown - nearly finished. Viewed tin ware at the tin shop. Got home in season to assist G.P. at ploughing shortly previous to the team being turned out. Mrs Risley executed washing for H. Waters' people. H.W. cut glass for Mr Hodge this eve'g, to be used in musical instru't.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15 Fair, unusually dry, Merc mg 44, noon 92, eve 64. G.P. with oxen & cart was in the service of uncle Sam'l Robinson drawing stone & some timber for the gov. Robinson bridge. When he came home in the eve'g informed me of cous. N.L. Robinson having sent for a load of plaster by another team. See the acc't of 14th. Hiram Waters attended the funeral of Mary the daughter of Mr Isaac Judd. Got home by 2 P.M. or earlier. Geo Robinson butchered 2 young calves - leaving us the use of 2 more cows on the milking list, which in all am'td to 16 inclusive of 2 farrow ones. S.W. Daniels came over this eve'g. Rec'd from H. Waters \$2 lent money which was paid in his absence to Betsey Street for tailoring.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 Dry, warmer than on the 15th - trees & grass growing green very rapidly. Mercury in the mg at 50, noon very much exposed to the heat of sol 86 - sunset 69 or 70 - 1/2 past 8 61 - Geo plowed ground Sof the brook against S.H. Browns Fay meadow. I managed to get many small jobs done by Rood - setting glass - mending cheese ladder &c Rec'd by I. Hawks' team 16 3 qrs lbs plaster in 3 tierces - costing pr bill - ~~4/87~~ \$7.86 Tierces inclusive at 5/3 Yk which on being returned would be paid for by them at full price. Cous. N. had sent pay for the same. Friend Godfrey tow'd eve'g deliv'd 5 tierces and a bbl partly filled with the same material - Tierces all to be returned - money refunded - all to be made fair - whenever G. should deliver to Haskin & partner. H. Waters made a journey to McKee's, Cambridge or White Creek N.Y. on business. S.W.D's here in the evening. Cheese on the 13th weighed 30 lbs ; 14th weighed 31 lbs from 18 cows. Discovered a curious little blunder committed by Lyman Robinson on my sending back the money to pay the \$11.00 borrowed on Monday - the full sum was \$11.50 - paid the 50" before leaving the store - the other was sent by Hopkins - say at 4 or 5 P.M.

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- 196 On acc't of which he gave Hopkins a paper which he never thought to give me until late this P.M. WHEN ON READING IT, SAW it was a note ~~g~~ given on the 3d inst for borrowed money, 12 dollars, by couz Perez Harwood - \$1 endorsed on the 4th - so \$11 just paid it up and his, Lyman, notvtaking particular notice of the boy, and expecting money from that source, & not himself letting me have the money in the morning - occasioned the blunder - which I found by correspondence afterwards with Charles Robinson, Cl'k there, had injured no one - Returned sd note per Hopkins. Father & girls went to Fast meeting.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 Held on very fair & dry & was extremely warm until nearly 3 P.M. WHEN THERE WAS A PRETTY sudden change in temerature - mercury falling about 20 within a short period of time. Morning 48 - noon 74 - eve'g 47. Oats sown on 1-1/2 acres S.W.pt Smead bore potatoes last season - See May 1 1833 - Geo busy with team until noon - P.M. Hopkins harrowing - G. assisted in repairing board fence built in 1824 which the frost & winds had terribly handled - standing on either side the lane leading out tow'ds the woods - Did all wanting at present. Endured hypo about cheese bargained to Cone & Taft - afraid they would refuse taking more than half of it. Sent line to them to give notice of its situation. M.Scott & his sister Lucretia rode up & made a very brief call. Hiram Hyde waited upon EmilynRobins and Katherine Dewey on a call this P.M.

Hiram Waters this evening made an imposing displsy of new tools which he bo't in N.Y. on his late visit to that City. Exhibition took place in the evening.

We will present remarks on the weather from April 18 up to May 3d inclusive:

			Morn'g	Noon	Night
Apl	18	Very fine, pleas & cool - Mercury in	32	72	
	19	Cldy, chilly, rainy, thund & light'd	40	51	
	20	Comparatively cool	48	58	57
	21	Cldy, rain expected, came on in Eve'g furiously,	44	60	60
	22	Chilly, cldy, gloomy, SW wd chilly	38	50	46
	23	Gloomy, rainy a part of the day	43	46	46
	24	Cold, unpleas't, flying clds, chill air	42	44	38
	25	Really frozen morn, pretty fair aftwad	28	45	42
	26	Chilly, hazy, incomp'le, wd chiefly S.	26	50	43
	27	Severe snow storm from NW, cold	34	30	32
	28	Held stormy, snow ending fine rain	32	42	42
	29	Cldy, rather pleas't; gt rain PM	39	55	47
	30	Cldy, unpl't, rain & hail, tow'd eve pleas	40	45	44
May	1	Clyg clds, breeze NW chilly	32	58	47
	2	Fair, cold mf, warm PM	30	61	50
	3	Fair, cool, temp-leaves scarcely out	32	61	45
	4	Fair, late frosts kept veg'n back	34	64	52

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 Mr Taft - firm of Cone & Taft, came up to see about the cheese - Harry Breese teamster. On examination it was decided that the cask containing 265 lbs was too soft for transportation - quality considered very good - & so of 2 other casks. We assisted in loading the casks & with the exception of a simple question put by me to Mr T implying want of confidence, inadvertently escaping me the transaction was a pleasant one. Mr T. after examining my bill of 2060 lbs from which was subtracted the contents of the cask aforesaid, paid me according contract \$133.62-1/2 for 1795 lbs cheese - the actual amount being at 7-1/2¢ exclusive of casks, one dollar higher than here stated which I let go toward transportation, dividing the \$2 first talked of toward transportation. See Mar 21 - wished him success with it & they departed about noon. Geo P. got one gall F. Brandy at F Blackmer's & we commenced potting cheese that was unsound taken from the cask left behind. With the brandy Frank sent me a good 6 gal pot, entered against me on book. We now numbered 20 cows giving milk, which were daily stabled & fed with hay at noon - besides giving messes in the m'g of whey & rye meal to such as would take it. Cheese weighed on the 15th weighed 36-1/2 lbs from 18 cows. H. Waters settled up with & gave in several dollars due from his apprentice, W. Ault, and dismissed him from his service for improper conduct. The fellow seemed rather penitent not well knowing what to do - but it was too late in the day - the decree had gone forth & could not be revoked - He had rec'd warning in due season but failed to heed it. W.A. was now in his 24th year. Our ladies were honored with the company of Miss Sarah Fassett & Mrs Dexter, P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 Business was urgent. Hopkins very reluctantly finished sowing a piece sown with oats So of the brook next the Fay line - executed rolling in good style. Grass seed was sown Spring sowing seemed to be completed - fences were repaired - calves were butchered by G.P. Ladies were visited by Mrs Duncan, the elder, & Miss Lydia House. David House came for coachman. Accompanied Hopkins upstreet to convey plaster casks to Franks store for S.L. Godfrey Jr to carry to Troy. I had business there too. F. Blackmer said he should like to get money to go with to N.Y. I HAD PREVIOUSLY OFFERED IT TO S.H. Brown, but he being at a loss to know what to do about it - just walked into F.B's, delivered said money to him to be paid first of June, receiving his note therefor. Came home in cart with H. Hopkins & David - Harry Warren & Thos Kent being with us. Had now on hand 21 cows giving milk.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 Some bustle in regard to hands of H. Waters & himself. Wrote acc'ts for him & Rood - the latter was brought considerably in debt to the former - a fair note was drawn for R. to sign which at first, not properly comprehending its bearing, he refused to sign - but after a full explanation & some persuasion he did so. Late in the day he started off for McKee's, Cambridge, N.Y. Geo P., Harri't & Adeline went to church. Capt Hyde, J. Brooks, Sol Clark, S.L. Fay paid their respects to us this P.M. after service. A line giving notice to the Walbridge's that we had a fine male calf to dispose of that ought to be reared, was duly forwarded. There was no time for me to read. H. Waters missed his notes against J.C. Andrews but found them again in the evening.

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Came on a furious rainstorm from SW in the evening. All last falls manure carted onto different portions of meadow was handsomely sp'd by selves, assisted by Henty Warren. Hopkins very faithfully rolled plow land with the roller calculated for that purpose. Mr J. Brooks in handsome style whitwashed the house in every apartment, for which paid him his price \$1. Anson Fox came from the confines of Shaftsbury to purchase the very fine calf bro't by the cow called "Brock" - rec'd & pd for it 87-1/2" - would say 88 cs. Mr J.A. Wight arrived from W's College on foot in good health - paid me in the evening \$5 - of which \$4 lent him in Jan'y - the other was for butter &c. Adeline placed away books & papers in the book cupboard - Journal for November 1816 was searched - also of Nov 1817 - giving the weight of certain persons with ages. H. Waters was off to Troy on business - Geo Robinson to Arlington.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22 Sowing plaster mainly engaged us - Henry Warren assisted. B. Harwood plowed up Clark's orch'd - wheat sown there last fall killed - calculation now being to stock the ground with oats. Cheese of the 20th weighed 43 lbs. Hopkins assisted at sowing plaster - Faced ourselves to have been wronged in a part of said article - about every 2d tierce being heavy, damp, lumpy & dark colored intermixt with charcoal - Mrs Wrisley I believe had a hand in house cleaning.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 Gloomy, rainy. Grass & leaves becoming verdant. It was much desired to sow plaster - rains prevented us. Geo & self potted cheese. H. Warren who had intended to sow plaster looked on - sold him nearly 4-1/2 of the article at 8" on a/c. Friend Wight early in the day composed poetic lines extempore which he called an echo to those of Chas Brown written H. Waters arrived from Troy - Hopkins transported his lot of tools for him from town. Another exhibition ensued in the evening. The flute was played for S. W. Daniels. Father performed many deeds of necessity - read his book in the bargain. Mr Wight bro't in his Penny Magazine. Mrs Wrisley was in the service of H. Waters. Cheese of the 21st weighed 43 lbs.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 Pastimes fresh & gay. Cheese press in some respect repaired - Garden plowed - spaded up by Wight. S. barn yard fence poled & staked up exceedingly high - small stones gathered and carried off the main ground of the meadow. Wrote letter to Henry Dexter - Pearl St No 100 in reply to his of April 2. Our worthy friend J.W. Cobb arrived at noon from Pownal - late from Brandon - times very hard, money scarce - cows sold unusually low in his section of country - If times should grow no better should quit peddling. On stating to him circumstances respecting what is recorded Jan 17 1834 - said he took my pencil through mistake - was calculating to return it at this time, but was so unfortunate as to lose it ere he reached our abode - allowed my price - 75" - got it in our settlement - leaving me indebted to him \$10.09 - exacted only \$10 - the fraction being sunk in his dinner, bait

horse &c. Talked with him very particularly in regard to the \$20 affair to which he replied, that he well remembered that there was no mistake in regard to the money he rec'd on my \$11 order - see Jan'y 17 1834 - Professed to be a Jackson man, but believed it necessary to have a National Bank. Thought of going to Troy to serve as clerk in dry goods store of J & R Houghton. Ladies scrubbed kitchen floor. Eight dry sows were turned out to pasture - It was remarkably chilly - might say cold - wind blowing exceedingly high from N.W.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 Freezing morning - see April 17 - finished the business of sowing plaster. The grounds upon which it was sown I cannot fully particularize - Besides the big cow pasture mentioned some days since - there was the little horse pasture, upper orchard & pasture attached, the waste ground this side Hi Waters' red gate, the 4 acre lot above the barn newly seeded down, all the north part and many bits of the north meadow and the present ox pasture occupying the NW quarter of the farm - not to mention about all the S. meadow deemed suitable to sow over. Of all the plaster purchased the present year, including what N.L. Robinson bo't for us in Dec. last - forming an aggregate of little less than 4 tons, there was but 1 tierce full left. Oats sown in C's orch'd, harrowed in by G.P. Harwood - stones in part picked off new ground W. of the barn, where wint. wheat grew last season. H. Warren was in our service. Dr H. Swift was here in the early part of the day - in the medical line - took occasion to inspect our cows - of which as a matter of course he spoke favorably. Gave me the first information of Dr Jackson's Protest. H Waters & friend Wight were together - the former spoke of quantities of shingles bestowed on him by his generous benefactors who had signed for his relief. Sold to Tuttle in the evening 6 plane irons. Mrs Wrisley washed for our ladies - they were well satisfied with her performance. E.B. Shepardson, Dry Goods dealer from Troy - having his wagg. col'd fine red called here & dined. Traded almost exclusively with Har't Albro, say to am't of \$8. First day of school in the Brick Academy - Summer Term - Hopkins attended. Our pedlar seemed to be thorough going Anti-Jackson man - talked much of the fine talents of J.C. Calhoun - what a deep Philosopher he was - and all that - Fudge.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 cChilly, uncomfortable. Harrowing some - stones picked up on stubble ground above the barn & N. orchard. George Gilson came early and bargained for 20 bbls potatoe as sorted at 25 cs deliv'd at his house in E. Village - to pay when convenient - sent the same by Hopkins, P.M. No of bbls chsk'd on the side of the cart for his inspection, he being very particular in that respect - Mr Wight assisted in putting them up. Henry Warren was again in our service. Sold Benj W. Jackson 8 lbs cheese on cr at 8 q. Saw Miss Burtons letter to Miss A.M. Harwood detailing some particulars of her sisters death which had lately taken place - called it good. Dan Robinson made an unsuccessful call here for butter. Paid Sylv W. Daniels \$4 tow'd keeping bull.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 Ever memorable on account of a most severe snow storm which lasted about all day with increased fury from N.W. Such a fall of snow

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at mid winter would have produced fine sleighing - many large drifts were left which lasted several days - Mercury in the morning stood at 34 - 2 o'clock P.M. at 30 - eve'g 32. Stabled our cows as snugly as tho it had been in Jany - dry cows inclusive. See 25th. Adeline & Harriet were conveyed to church by Hopkins in the usual mode. Mr Wight went & on foot returned to and from the sactuary. Very busily engaged in copying subscriptions for H.Waters. Storm most unusually severe for the season. Charles & Starin cows were blessed with each a calf on the 25th.

MONDAY, APRIL 28 Snowy early part of the day, but little stormy P.M. ending in finecrain - cldy & chilly - see April 17t
 Ended business of potting cheese - Blk pt 59 lb 10 oz. Yellow 62 . 10" Blue 1b 62 2 oz Total lbs 184..06. Shsntee partly erected out of hog pen materials - being the open part of one (was) roofed for housing land roller was this day constructed. After H.Waters' return from the furnace, wrote lumber & timber bills for him. Continued writing until sometime in the evening. The calves of the cows named Chas & Starin were butchered by G.P. A late N.Y.Spect'r brot us that most extraordinary paper - the President's Protest - sent to the U.S.Senate - April 17 - Far enough from being Republican. Perused Buton girl's letter to Adeline - very pretty - good - hand rather blind I think. Mr Wight bro't home the Penny Magazine with which he app'd well pleased - cast interest on Andrews notes for H.Waters. Harry Warren & T.Kent drew home app. brush for themselves.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29 Cldy, rather pleas't A.M. Afternoon came on a gr't rain - increased at night. The upper edge of the S meadow S. of the hither brook, above the old clay pit, after getting off many large stones, comprising 1/2 acre of gr'd was ploughed up for potatoes. Mr Wight took leave for Williamstown - meant soon to go to Lanes borough to assist in teaching a kind of school select school established there. Wrote something for Hiram Waters. Said Waters departed for Arlington.

WEFNESDAY, APRIL 30 Cldy, muddy, unpleas't - showered hail & rain about noon - came off tolerably pleasant toward evening. Patches of snow remained through the day on this farm. Wheying cows engrossed much of our time. Shed cleaned out - commenced uncovering drain. Father had prepared for going to Sherwood's but afterwards gave it up. Cousin John Duncan dined with us. In the eve'g sent lists by Hopkins & Adeline to capt.H.Robinson - 34 cows - 1 yoke oxen, 1 mare, 1 colt. H.Harwood's Poll.

Sylvanus W Daniels & Elihu Wright were here in the evening. Perused a part of the President's Protest. Estimated the quantity of hay sufficient to last 26 cows, of which 24 gave milk, 3 days - Weight of cheese pr day 50 lbs.

THURSDAY, MAY 1 Cool handsome day, flying clouds, wd N.W. Fine for first of May - see Apl 17 - cheese of April 29 weighed 47 lbs. First turned away the main lot of our cows to pasture for the season - wheyed cows in stalls - Thos Hent shovelled manure which Geo P carted on to the S. meadow. Father did business at Walbridges - carrying grist of corn for Thos K which he got ground - ret'd here at noon - Afternoon rode out with Mrs Har'd - saw boys at military exercises in the Street - saw N.L. Robinson - afterwards uncle S. Rob. Saff'd Rob. & Ira Haynes working on fence E. side the road on Safford land near the little brook. Called at Horace Edgerton's to enquire where we might find a girl to hire to do housework - there was a room-full of ladies assembled for a P.M. visit - did not feel exactly at home to be so caught - Mrs E. came out to our waggon & told all she knew. Drove to Deac Hinsdills - visited with Mrs Grey, the woman keeping house, boarding, made more enquiry, but all amt'd to nothing. Girls in the Factory had lately had a turn out, but had returned to business again with some few exceptions. Visited store & bo't 1 lb tea on book, 42". Spoke with Norm Edgerton who had got so as to walk about pretty smartly. We got into the waggon with the intention of coming directly home - giving up the idea of looking more for a girl - but on the 2d thought resolved to make one more effort - headed round towards Squire Henry's to whose house we drove & made call - Bar Room deserted - found the old gentleman with his family & company in the dining room at supper - Enquiry being made (I was by the bye a little abashed) they could think of but one person to be hired - might find out by going to the old Hubbell house down the S. bank of the river - crossed the bridge - visited the house so directed - enquired of Mrs Barber - knew of such person - but said she should not want her - which I considered sufficient for us - as a last resort thought we would call at Mr Fuller's - drove up to the house in which we expected see them - but learned they had removed to a new house a short distance over the way - the woman of the former house said they, Mr F's people, had a daughter who could be hired - supposed she might do very well. I went to Mr F's and without much introduction engaged the services of Miss Sophia Fuller at \$1 pr week to begin on Monday next - came off with flying colors - Called at Dr H. Swift's to take in Diadsmia who had been there on an P.M. visit - walked on foot myself, reading paper of 17th April. This morning S.H. Brown presented a petition to the Authority of the Town of Bennington against reconsidering the vote not to grant licenses (to) (taverns) to merchants to sell ardent spiritd by small measure, for my signature, which I readily gave. Read Mr Wilde. Hopkins bo't school philosophy - T.C. Parsons gave us a call - Leaves grew green. The colt was returned to us - see last Dec.

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See Apr 17 - Yards scraped of manure which was carted into the S. meadow. Plowed land handsomely rolled, meadow in part cleared of small stones. Board fence against the upper end of the S meadow repaired. Tho's Kent once more in our service. Mr Wrisley came up & conversed with us awhile this morning. His lady washed for our ladies. Finished reading the Presidents Protest. Had now on hand 25 milkers out of 35 - eight head dry ones were turned back to live by themselves. Hopkins bro't DR H. Swifts cart down for our use this morning. Swallows appeared on the first inst. Cheese of April 30th weighed 53 lbs.

SATURDAY, MAY 3 See Apr 17. Twenty loads manure carted on to plowed patch by E side of the lane S of the brook intended for potatoes. Thomas S. Kent worked well at shovelling manure - paid him 50 cts in full therefor. Eight dry cows turned away in the woods on the first inst. Drake cow, whose calf was butchered on the 2d inst. appearing not to be doing well. Cheese of May 1, 55 lbs. Read a full & very lively description of the celebration in N.Y. City of the late Whig Triumph in Spect. of Apr 17.

SUNDAY, MAY 4 Pleas't & very temperate. So many ways to run & so ~~small~~ much company to attend to that my records had to be neglected. Lewis & Lucius Beach came down from church to visit us & talked much respecting Andrew Jackson & his measures - the former in favor, the latter against - other topics were touched upon - they departed about sunset. Thomas C. Parsons & Holmes of Algiers - N.L. Robinson and wife were up to see us - took away with them Harr't Albro. Examined & was entertained with the speeches of Poindexter, Sprague & Frelinghuysen on the Pres' Protest. The Brown cow came home with a calf by her side.

MONDAY, MAY 5 Cldy, chilly, rainy from S. late in the day. Rain much wished for. Mercury stood at from 50 to 55. Spreading manure & getting hemlock boards up to the line of the contemplated fence made up the chief occupation. Whole number of the boards of the above description - 16 ft long - 1 ft wide recd pr team of Hiram Blackmer on contract with B.R. Sears - was 228 - of which 190 were removed as stated above. See May 24 - In consequence of stabling cows this eve'g a very serious & unlooked for accident occurred which nearly proved fatal to my father. He sat down to milk the cow named above which he knew to be very gentle last season - She stood next to the bay mare's stall - so near that if the mare felt displeased she could play unrestrained with her heels against the person of the milker, let him be ever so good. The operation of milking had been daily performed by me during great part of the winter, but not on that cow, just as much exposed, and nearly exactly in the same place without ever receiving the slightest injury or even raising the least suspicion of such intention on the part of the honest of the harness. But to my good old father the result was cruelly unfortunate. The moment he was seated on his stool & commenced milking the beast aforesaid - she powerfully applied the hind foot to the stool & pail - making a loud report - frightening the mare almost to distraction - causing her to kick & stamp & bound in a manner beyond distraction description. By the same

action of these crazy animals the man was precipitated from his seat and cast into the horse stall and after receiving many heavy dreadful blows was as soon as possible drawn by cousin George from a situation so perilous & appalling. To all appearance he was a lifeless corpse - at any rate such was my impression, and my feeling at that critical moment I shall not attempt to describe. We took him in our arms & carried him into the house - before reaching it signs of life were perceived, and soon afterwards began to speak, but could not collect his ideas so as to be regular for as much as 2 or 3 hours - could recollect nothing after beginning to milk the cow. Dr H. Swift was forthwith sent for & arrived without loss of time - and for awhile felt seriously alarmed - the shock given to nature seeming to almost extinguish the vital spark, but by the application of remedies usually resorted to on such occasions, giving among the rest some French Brandy, the powers of life were restored. The Dr prayed with us - continued exerting himself toward the restoration of the faculties of the good man as far as was practicable until 12 o'clock when he left for home. During most of this period of intense watchfulness & heart rending anxiety - the members of the family generally preserved great calmness & resignation - to this remark my own feeling & behaviour formed a reprehensible exception - I could not but reflect that by want of proper attention or a sort of blunt apprehension, was instrumental, unintentionally, of bringing about this sad disaster. Could get no rest during great part of the night. The main wounds and bruises inflicted on our poor father - were over the right eye - on the cheek bone below that eye & the breaking of 5 ribs on the left side. At first he was placed on a bed, but on recovering his senses he found he could not endure such a posture - therefore ordered an old arm chair formerly much occupied by my grandfather, in which he was located - enjoyed as great a degree of rest as his situation would admit of.

The dairy increased rapidly, cheese weighed 55 lbs. Mr Duncan came here early part of the day, or say a little before noon. Mrs Wrisly was employed by Mrs Hi Waters at washing. Dr H. Swift drew blood from Miss L. Herwood. I perused Congressional Proceedings on the Gen'l Appropriation Bill, April 24th.

TUESDAY, (APRIL) Moderately rainy early part the day - flying clouds -
MAY 6 wd E Merc 45 -56-48. Variety of employments - Hams packed, garden planted in part &c. Busy about cheese 65 lbs taken from the press, made on the 4th. Visited cousin Stephen Harwood to engage 3 large cheese hoops - to be done by Saturday next. In E. Village obtained due bill for cider-brandy in full of J. Norton - upward of 30 gallons on demand. Tho's S. Kent was engaged to work for us 1/2 month for \$6.00 - half cash - balance at the store in goods. Miss Sophia Fuller was waited upon home by Adeline & Hopkins.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 Cld, rainy, showery by spells. Merc. 48-50-52.
Spreading manure & harrowing over planting ground, were in part executed. Dr H. Swift came to attend upon his new patient - gave him medicine which operated most severely. Geo was called often with me or some one to assist him. Thomas S. Kent commenced working on his half month.

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Uncle S. Robinson & his brother Safford paid respects to my father. Dr Heman came down in the evening, ordered extremities of his patient to be washed in vinegar. Said he had some fever - must not see much company. B.R. Sears & S.W. Den's spent the eve'g here - the former watched with father - Cheese of 5th weigh'd 75 lbs

THURSDAY, MAY 8 Pleas't - some few fly'g clds. Thermom'r 40, 66, 57
Preparation for planting going forw'd - furrowing & manuring. Potatoes 60 or 70 bhls removed from the cellar to old barn floor with assistance from Henry Warren who came over past noon. At Mrs Kent's when I went over to get him to work for us saw a Pup Life of Washington on which while waiting the return of Warren from waiting upon his lady from E. Village read a page or two. Alvin Bates made a call. Father required & rec'd some assistance - getting along very well. Dr Heman said the guns we heard this evening were fired in consequence of the success of the Whigs in Albany varrying the Charter Election. Uncle Sam'l, Aunt Sarah, cousin Henry & Edwin came here in the course of the evening. Adeline had business up street. E. Fay jun paid his respects to father. Bob-o'Lincoln first app'd on 7th. Cheese made on the 6th weighed 77 lbs.

FRIDAY, MAY 9 Tolerably fair & cool, chilly eve'g-w'd N.W. 46-62
60 68-58. Spent sometime with father, performed some part in furrow'g ground for planting. P.M. gallanted wife & daughter to L. Patchin & Co's where goods were purchased as per store a/c. Saw F. Blackmer in his store. Visited the grist-mill of Isaac Doolittle had 4 bhls rye ground. Mr D himself was present and enquired respecting the much talked of twenty dollars. I replied that it had been paid over by the cashier to me - more I could not state - see Jan'y 18, Apl 7 Uncle Sam & aunt Sarah Robinson left this morning for home. Dr H. Swift informed me that if I had ret'd the money borrowed of the Bank Mar 1st at any time, interest would have been allowed upon it. Dr H. Swift paid visit here this morning. Geo & Tho's S. Kent about completed planting corn. Adeline staid up Street to attend singing school. Hopkins disliked much to go up to wait upon her home - therefore he went not. Adeline had notion of going to eve'g school. Rec'd from the hand of Harry Norton a gang of chopping knives - 4 blades - price \$2-1/2. Cheese made on the 7th weighed 71 lbs. Much in the papers respect'g Jackson.

SATURDAY, MAY 10 Cold rain till 9 in the morn'g - afterward hazy - cldy - wd N.E. 44-62-60. Eve'g 50. A quantity of corn was got out - put with rye & sent to mill. Ground intended for potatoes was prepared by spreading manure & harrowing - latter operation by Hopkins who staid out of school. Potatoes by Geo & Thomas, planted in garden. Usual cheese rounds were performed besides waiting upon father who was doing well. Dost Heman visited him morning & evening. Rode to F. Blackmer's - saw A. ROBINSON, P. & S. Dewey & others who spoke of Andrew Jackson in terms of high disapprobation. Blackmer desired that the \$150 might remain over to next week when he would decide whether he would take it. Rode to Stephen Harwood's where

they finished for me 3 large stave hoops bound with iron - latter material furnished by me which including followers cost 75" a piece - paid \$2.04 in cheese - Remainder made out in change. The story of the affair of Jan'y 18 was told. On returning home halted at Mr Pecks' & rec'd pay for 37-1/2 lbs late made cheese. He felt scrupulous as to keeping it - I assured him though it was soft we looked upon the quality to be first rate & offered to recant him & take it home - but he finally saw fit to keep it - paying in money, \$3.12-1/2. Bespoke fifty rennets if good. The statement respecting the gang of c knives was premature by reason of following minutes which had become old & not at once intelligible. Goods bo't at L.P. & Co's this day amt'd to little more than \$14 (Capt) Dr H. Swift paid another visit this evening. Adeline was bro't from Capt P. Dewey's this morning.

SUNDAY, MAY 11 Gloomy, very chilly, cld'd thickly - wd SW - rained & thund'd early eve'g. 36, 58, 52. Perused papers principally - wrote in the eve'g. Dr H. Swift dressed my father's ribs, side, back &c. G.P. & Miss Ad M went to meeting P.M. Kept Pedlar over Sunday. T.C. Parsons, Sol Searls, Wrisley & Mrs Wrisley here in the course of the day. Benj R. Sears left this morning after watching over night with our respected old father. S.W. Dan's served in like manner this night. Hiram Waters arrived from Arlington in the evening.

MONDAY, MAY 12 Very chilly, unpleas't, cldy, wd N.W. Wound off at in night with snow & rain while we were exposed to its clemency in the act of milking our cows. Thermometer may be noted thus, 45-48-42-38. Ground being properly prepared below the lane SW old Brick yard - was planted with 15 bbls potatoes. P.M. was improved in clearing & burning over a portion of ground S. of the lane leading directly from the house - most of the app. trees having been cut down & worked up for fuel (when properly seasoned) during the past winter. Visited the store of F. Blackmer - played flute with permission of S.S. Scott. Gave up note to Frank B. & rec'd back \$150 lent to him Apr 19, offered to pay int but I refused it seeing it had been of no use to him, nor could it be unless I could wait on him until sometime in June. I was inclined to do so if the Bank would have extended their credit to me. I made the request but they would not allow it. No reason to complain - my note would fall due the Bank first of June - so by adding \$50 to the other handed it over to the cashier's son - the C. being absent in City of N. Y. otherwise presume might have been allowed interest up to first of June. At Sanf'd & Brown's saw uncle Sam Robinson who as well as others enquired how my father got along. Went up the Hill, saw David Rob. Jun - said he would call to see father. At D. Clark's found Solomon engaged in building binding the Edinburgh Enclo'a. Looked at article Anatomy from which learned that man has 24 ribs. President of the Bank gone to N. Bennington - very stormy milking at night. Horace Burton from some town E. of Manchester kept Sunday with us - seemed well disposed - assisted at milking. Paid in goods \$1 for his entertainment. Mrs Wrisley was employed in washing. Miss Fuller was also engaged in like business. Stormy as it was - our old neighbor & friend John C. Andrews valled upon us this eve'g

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and as usual was very sociable & entertaining - had lately made pleas't tour to Phila with some dancing scholars, and renounced Jacksonism. Left money to pay up note to Hiram Waters in full \$77.03 Left

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A Sherwood

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H. Harwood in full

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After conversing very lively & agreeably left half past 9 to go up-street to tarry the night. Calculated next day to return to his family at Pittsfield, M'ss

TUESDAY, MAY 13

Wintry to an alarming degree - earth coated with snow in the morning - At an elevation of say 700 ft snow cov'd tops of trees all day - cldy - some stormy cutting N.W. wind. Thermometer stood at from 32 to 38 through the day - late eve'g 35. Gallanted Miss Sophia Fuller to her father's - paid her \$1 for her week work. It was at her own request that she left our employ'm't. In street this morn'g seeing Mr Andrews at Hinsdill's told him from H. Waters that it would be well for him to get security from Billington for house rent - thanked me for the hint. At D. Clark's bo't & paid cash for 1 qr paper afterwards rec'd another on cr. tow'd old debt, reducing it to 88 cs. Rode to Colvins' to enquire respecting basswood boards - all sawed. At grist mill Eaton Morgan requested me to purchase note of \$16 against I HAVE FORGOTTEN WHOM Came up to Blackmer's with grist from mill - present Seely, Getty, capt P. Dewey & others. Frank smart enough to be in his store. Seely said his sister Lydia Ann would work for us - so away I posted to Henry Scott's to see & persuade her to enlist - but it was all to no purpose - she had made up her mind to go to school - so it must be. After returning to B's store rec'd some oil & molasses on H. Waters a/c for his lady - came home. Bro't (home) letter from Sophia Waters Ashley - directed to her brother Hiram - paid postage 18-3/4". Cousin Henry Robinson paid his respects to father & the family generally - prayed most fervently. Mr Hooker also gave a call - said a few words to me in particular on Religion. Boys plowed orch'd Eof the Dairy house - placed sods about the head of the drain.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Freezing morning - snow on mount's - flying clds, chilly wds. 30-46-46. Ground above mentioned planted with potatoes by Geo & Hopkins & Tho's S. Kent - no, chiefly by the last - the 2 first getting home a load of basswood boards - not sawed in first rate style. Latish P.M. having rec'd news of a girl at Harmon's was off in haste to engage her in our employ't. This side Vails met a young lady on foot looking for a solace, by invitation rode a few rods in my waggon with a sort of understanding that provided I should fail of hiring the other she would undertake - She called into V's - I proceeded forward to Mr H's - got acquainted with my girl right off - greatly in want of a place - H's people having hired another in her stead without giving her notice. Mrs A. was deeply engaged in cleaning house, whitewashing &c. Mr Cone chief whitewasher. ON inquiry Mrs H. SAID mMiss Bryant, that veing her name, was good at early rising - not much else in her favor - nor against her. Soon departed as I imagined with fly'g colors. No want of sociability on the way, related partially the history of her family - parents both living on a small farm - Reads borough, Vt., the father a cripple from his youth not far from 50 - there were brethren & sisters - worked out in the meadow & field last season in consequence of her fathers inability - never meant to do so again. Insisted on having \$1 per week.

which I conditionally promised to give - her service being probationary Reached home early in the ev'g. Owen Rood arrived from McKees, White Creek, with wounded leg. Ira B. Dewey here. Dun cow on milking list. Much in the public papers on the Presidents Protest, Bank &c &c.

THURSDAY, MAY 15 The most extraordinary snow storm took place ever witnessed in this section of country at a season thus advanced. Snow flying, wind blowing from NW as if it was actually real winter. Thermom. early stood at 25 - from that only up to 28 until past 8 in the morning. Tw'd noon up to 30 - at noon not over 32 - nor did it exceed 36 all day - early eve'g 34 - late down to 26. Too snowy to prosecute business in open field & there was no necessity for going into the woods having on hand a very brave supply of wood on hand. Cows & oxen carefully stabled, hay so nearly consumed as to cause us to feed with good straw & potatoes, whey & meal, last articles being given exclusively to milch cows - Geo & T.S.K't assorted & laid away potatoes for summer use. Former gentleman had business at his fr'd B.W. Jacksons I.B. Dewey spent the day with us. Miss S. Bryant proved to be an excellent hand at milking - Visited briefly by Rev'd Hooker, lady & child late in the day. Really winter at night - no mistake at all. Cheese of 13th 84 lbs.

FRIDAY, MAY 16 Cold as winter indeed - down to 20 early - 8 o'clock 28, only 56 at noon - not higher than 62 P.M. Eve 41. 79 lbs cheese made 14th A.M. B.R. Sears, Geo P., T.S. Kent & Harry W. Warren all employed in gettinber for the big sheese press. I erected rail across S. milking yard assisted by H. Warren - some smaller business rec'd attention. Benj & Geo spent P.M. on press. Isaac Allen being employed in getting wood - lent a hand in hauling out the very heavy timber procured for said press. Father first walked out since being hurt on the 5th. Some sort of Document was rec'd from Mr Hall, M.C. Capt Hicks dropped in a few mom'ts. Near night went up to see those cows which had been turned there early in the month - doing well - Gen D. Robinson's black man was with waggon in order to take home load of wood A snow bank close to the S. end of the house didnt entirely disappear all day.

SATURDAY, MAY 17 A Part of this cold morn'g passed away pretty calmly. Snow lay in patches through the day. Probably the severity of the past night killed most of the fruit buds in our country - played destruction among the leaves of the forest particularly those of the beech & caused other damages which I have not time to enumerate - State of the Thsrmom. 32-52-54. Benjamin R. Sears completed cheese press - assisted in removing to the S. side shed one of the old presses. Thomas S. Kent bro't from Colvins' the last of the basswood boards - had a hand in the above removal. Caot D. Robinson Jun made a short visit to my father near night. Hopkins stays out of school. Miss Bryant was appointed to cleaning cellar. Paid Elihu Wright his part for keeping colt over winter with exception of a fraction \$3.95 Slept in father's room - Cheese of 15th 89 lbs.

SUNDAY, MAY 18 Quite like summer - appletrees in pretty fair blossom - snow held on in patches all day - 41-73-64. Fitted up S. cheese press - Perused a few pages of Mr Wildes' excellent speech on Mr Sec Tancy's Reasons for Removal of Deposites. Geo., Adeline & Sarah went to meet'g in waggon. Benj W. Cardell & Ellen Parsons being from Hoosick also attended Divine Service here. T.S. Kent & S.W. Dan's shewed themselves here - the cows called Rockwood & White Sim had either of them a calf - wrote some part of a letter to fr'd Wight - Adeline attended evening meeting.

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MONDAY, MAY 19 First real handsome day the pres't month, still there was a melancholy look occasioned by smoky, cld sky. BLOSSOMS COMING OUT & eveeything however very backward - too much grey where should have been green in meadows & Pastures - wint. grain had suffered. 49-84-73-66 half past 8 evening. Late in the morn'g accomp'd by Hopkins was away with colt to uncle Sam'l Robinsons where it was left - went on to young Steb Walbridge's on business not to be stated here - S. gone off - left word with uncle Ruttenbur for him. Visited N. Nennington to get Lewis Beach to come & fix a pipe for further convenience in drawing water - promised to attend to it as soon as his lead arrived from the River. His twin brother was there & likewise David Niles who said many sheep & lambs had perished in the late snow-storm in & about W. Creek. On our return dined at uncle S. Rob's - Chas' Saff'd as well as Harr't Albro. And half way down the S. Fay Hill met our friend Sa Doty who complained much of Jackson times - had done immense damage to the country - in his opinion it was unlawful for the Pres't to remove the Deposites. Athome joined Geo & T S Kent in building board fence dividing the upper & lower S. meadows. Father was carried out on ox sled to advise in running the line - visited cow yard in the evening. First curd saved over night the present season - what we style running up curd. Much in the paper concerning U.S. Bank.

TUESDAY, MAY 20 W'm & pleas't, wd N. 52-72-64. Board fence went on well. Rood assisted me in fitting up new cheese press & in fix'g other small affairs. Father gaining fast. Two cows in the woods - Semantha & Dink Red - lster having calf by her side, were hunted up & made secure. Two only remained out - to all appearance doing finely. S. Bryant had mare to ride to Bryant's, Harmon's, Hinsdill's, N. Bennington & c - mare's back made sore by old side-saddle.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 Warm, cldy, smoky, thunder heads appeared - heard dist thunder - 55-72-86-70. Board fence goes on well. T. S. Kent's half moth out - had worked well - stuck closely to bus. By assistance of Rood got new cheese press to work kindly. R. prepared gallows for H. Waters' cow which I helped to put on. Worked (at fence) awhile at fence with boys tow'ds evening. Agreed to pay Sarah Bryant 75 cs pr week while she staid. Added something more to the letter which I was writing to J. A. Wight.

THURSDAY, May 22 Cldy, pleas't, w'd N. Ther. 55-80-67. Fence finished in good farmer style - costing half a dollar a rod posts firmly driven. T. S. Kent through with his half month. He rec'd order on L. Patchin & Co - dated 23rd - \$3.00 - We drove off together, that is self & lady - to Lib's Barney's - bargained for 100 bhls coals suitable to burn in a house furnace - deliv'd at our house within about 1 month at \$6. Contin'd through E. Village to Newell Squires' - halted to see what he would pay for a fine lot of Deac. skins - said for those well taken off could give 25 ¢ only - told him I should try further. Came up to L. Patchin & Co's, bo't goods on cr to am't of \$5.19. Bo't for T. S. Kent 1/2 bbl flour - paid \$3 which answered for 1/2 his demand against me for 1/2 months work. Deliv'd flour at Mrs K's. Procured Gazette of pres't w'k. The funeral of (H) Kinsley Scott was this day solemnized. Cheese of 20th 77 lbs. D. Clark said his marriage took place in Aug. or Sept 1814

Four of our best cows came in about these days - Solomons, Red Dimmick, (Dun) Rockwood & Semantha.

FRIDAY, MAY 23 CLDY, S w'd, dist't thunder P.M. Lightning & rain eve'g. 56-80-64 Two middle sized gates were taken from former places & set up for passage of cows to & from the new night pasture, now just completed by building from 65 to 70 rods board fence. Ditches were ploughed for turning the course water which rose from springs S. of the new fence & to guard against heaving by frost in some measure. Father was out a part of the time to inspect business. Three young calves were butchered. Thirty three cows on the list at night. Mr Buck was down from Arlington on business for H. Waters. Rood here yet

SATURDAY, MAY 24 Contin'd extremely warm - 60-87-69. We were busy building cowstalls assisted by T.S. Kent. Rood worked out press plank for us. Cheese 22d 82 lbs. H. Waters & Geo Robinson came home from Arlington.

SUNDAY, MAY 25 Very warm, hazy, wd S. 63-84-73. Geo Ad & Sarah to meeting - noon before could get time sit down to read or write. Much pleased with Mr Wilde's Speech. Wrote letter for J B Dewey to his people in St Lawrence Co., N.Y. Geo conveyed Rood to N. Bennington to assist him on his way to McKee's, White Creek, N.Y. Mr Hooker preached a sort of sumptuary discourse to his parishoners. T.C. Parsons informed us that the cheese which we sold to Cone & Taft melted down, that it was sold for only \$1 per 100 in N.Y. Sorry to hear it - see April 17. Cheese of 23d weighed 82 lbs.

MONDAY, MAY 26 Contin'd warm. 54-86-64 The very fine cow called "Big Breese" which with the Potter cow yet remained in the woods was discovered to be in very bad plight from having, as we conjectured, fallen among rocks or in some way broken her left hip, so as apparently to endanger her existence. Uncle Sam Robinson was sent for - arrived latter part of the day - prescribed for her - much said & done on her acc't. H. Waters assisted in dosing her in the eve'g. After attending to a large cheese myself went off warning men in our District to work on the road on Thursday next. Geo besides procur'g the doctor, did business at the grist mill. The other cow was admitted into pasture with the rest from & after this date.

TUESDAY, MAY 27 Fine & warm, m&g & eve'g cool, 52-88-76. Nothing very important in the way of business - sick cow was attended to, uncle S. came up, pronounced her better, had a disposition to eat. Leach filled with ashes. Oats grow'g in C's orch'd plastered. Cheese of 25th 95 lbs - lent cheese hoops to neighbor Godfrey, dairy man to Hon. L. Norton. I.F. Robinson bo't bbl cider - his cous. Dewey came down with him after it in 1 h. wagg.. The latter related how badly he was wounded by his brother in the wrist if I mistake not when small. H. Waters this m'g after assisting at doing the work dosing the sick cow & milking the others was off to Arlington.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 Grew cool - 60-74-60 Hopkins & Adeline were up St had wagg repaired - tire newly set. Oats in S. mead plastered - cheese press erected by B.R. Sears loaded with say upw'd of 900 w't of stone. Self, Geo & Hopkins rode to the S. end of the Highway District to inspect the condition of the road, proved rather favorable

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During the visit saw J.F. Billing, Mrs Sophia Billing, House, Duncan in good spirits, G. House &c. On my return called on Mr Dairyman Godfrey who appeared to be driving business, plowing sward land W. of Maj Lumans upper barn while one or more were engaged in planting potatoes - was not liable to do duty on the highway this year. First saw that the Hon Megor had his cow shed, which was attached to the barn just mentioned, blown down by an E'n gale within 2 or 3 months past. Came on & gave notice to T.S. Kent & Harry Warren respecting work'g on road. The former had lost his cow & yearling by straying away. Interesting news came in the papers from France. Rec'd a welcome, lively & queer good letter from our cousin Catherine A. Parmenter, dated Evans, N.Y. May 18 1834 - In health & among strangers. At first I felt as if I would immediately write her, but something kept making me put it off - so it yet remains up to July 27. Cheese of 26th 98 lbs.

THURSDAY, MAY 29 Chilly, SE wd - storm rising - rain began falling seriously 4 PM contin'd 'till 7. Thermometer stood at 52 or 54-56-48. Beech trees & others bore fresh marks of the violence of the snow & frost of the 15th. This was the day app'd for working on the highway. Was not on the gr'd in person the forep't of the day. G.P gave direction - commencing at Pownal line & executing (after) in decent style as far as N. as widow Norton's. T.S. Kent, Harry Warren and their boy, youngest son of Spencer/Lyman, were in our service. I was present P.M. 3 - all retreated into the Bill Norton barn when the rain came on - so the remainder of the day business was suspended. Mr Searl & his party which had been sent up the Fuller road said they accomplished the work designed for them & made safe return. Cheese of 27th 102 lb Had bad time at milk'g in the eve'g assisted too by our fr'ds K., Warren & Lyon. Nine in the eve'g the cow mentioned on Monday was stabled - ate a little oats, hay &c.

FRIDAY, MAY 30 Handsome & temperate. 47-76-60 Contin'd on the road Same hands principally - especially for ourselves - Main road worked up to the bridge this side Sam Brown's - Bridge taken up chiefly by Searls, Wrisley & J. Ayers - A party was sent up the Loomis & Carpenter road. Rec'd fine letter from J.A. Wight, Lanesboro, M's. Enjoyed his school pretty well - leaned toward the gloomy. On the 27th inst J. Ballard offered me ab't \$12 for 27 Deac. skins - finally I believe it was ab't \$11 - my price was 50 cs a piece - found afterwards I had missed it that I did not accept of his offer. Sick cow not doing well. There's a possibility of mistake in stating that J. Ayres worked on bridge this day, but he certainly did next day in the employ't of L. Norton Esq.

SATURDAY, MAY 31 Cldy, slightly rainy, wd S - rain seemed to fall to the N. of us. Thermom. ranged from 59 to 70, didnt know how it was in the eve'g. I would like to say more of the 30th. A part of the P.M. spent with the gentlemen employed on the Loomis road - L. Jewett, Peter Green, Benj Fay & some others, not to forget John Searls composed that party. Jewett & myself walked

up the road as far as the corner where it stretches off due S. to see what repairs were necessary. While thus together some scenes of youth were reviewed - particularly the anxiety felt by him on acc't of a girl affair which to him & others in the same predicament finally ended in smoke, on some day in Aug 1810 while employed on his father's farm pulling flax. I have further to state that my father for a long series of years had never missed working on the Highway until the present time - Samuel Loomis, his father & E. Fay Jun., were not pres't. Some part of the forenoon devoted to seeing how the bridge was managed - neighbor Searls was going on well - Jo Ayres & team getting stone for him - all on Maj L. Norton's a/c on Highway Bill - Wrisley not present. Met widow Joanna Eldredge & her daughter Mrs Black going up to the centre Village - in good health - Cheese 29th 108 lbs. P.M. being very anxious to better ourselves as to hired girl - self and lady made journey to Pownal to find one to our liking. Seeing Squire Bates held short conversation in the course of which he informed me of a protracted Religious Meeting got up by the Baptists at P. meeting house. Called at J. Wright's Jun - enquired for the house of Mr Haley which they pointed out to us - situated tow'd the W. mountain, 3/4 of a mile toward the road leading to N. W. Hill, Williamstown, M's. By slow tedious driving at length arrived there - but soon found it was all to no sort of purpose for the girl had been off & had been rather "used up" - so after talking some time trying to get information where we might yet look further - Mrs H. NAM ing one & the woman of the other end of the house proving or saying she did not think it at all probable she could be had - we left with encouragement that Miss Sally Manchester residing at the house of Virgil Page, would probably engage. Let me say of Miss Haley that she sat pretty mute, her Mother being chief spokesman drawing from hervtobacco pipe not infrequently many comforting whiffs of smoke during the time we spent there - and that her name was Emily - not long since worked at a boarding house in Adams, M's at \$1 pr wk. There was a drummer who with his drum on his back descended the hill to join company for practice with some fellow musician that we saw. We came down to Virgil Page's - halted & called to make enquiry - the result was that Miss M. was surprised that Mrs H. Should have entertained the most distant idea of her going abroad to work, situated as she was. While my fair partner was conversing with that young lady I was fully taken up hearing Mr Page relate over his youthful employm't p owned & occupied the farm on which he was now residing for more than 40 yrs - aged at this time 67. Once in the fall not far from 30 yrs since conveyed to Troy & sold a lot of pork fattened chiefly on acorns or beechnuts, mostly young, at something over \$10 pr hund & ab't 18 bhl wheat for all which rec'd in specie rising of \$130. reaching home by next morning, much to the surprise of his family. The information here obtained satisfied us that nothing could be done tow'd hiring Miss M - so we came on tow'd home. Nearvthe height of the Long Hill met old John (Manchester) Staunton who on being enquired of directed us to Wid Myers', where, as he understood, we could have our choice out of 3 girls - but before we arrived there seeing one of Nathan Jewett's daughters - she told us the bird had flown - girl being engaged & already gone. Kept slowly along - it was nearly or quite sun-set. This side the Munson place met an elderly lady going to the Protracted meet'g. The usual question being put - she replied she knew of but one girl to be had &

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that was Miss Shaw - now out of employment - had lately resided at B.F. Fay's, Bennington, Vt. - said she was "smart" &c. - If we wanted to see her - could return to the meeting house & there she would introduce her to us. Back we drove, carrying the lady in the bargain. But what did it amount to? Our informant was up to her word - Miss S. was produced & after a short conversation found it impossible to engage her - she leaned hard upon the project of going off somewhere among her relatives to reside - so we again set our heads for home. Called at wid. Jewetts but that was of no use - girl could not be had. Picked up a young man, the son of Josiah Noble, the carpenter, who rode a mile or more - very sociable - sat him down at Wagar's. Got home sometime after dark. Thos J. & Harry had assisted at milking - Father had got so well as to milk 7 cows. Uncle S. Robinson had rendered very essential service to "Big Breese" by being assisted by the neighbors. He had to use harsh means, nothing less than a blade of steel in the use of which he manifested no want of skill - all resulted in the safety & ~~bei~~ well being of the beast

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 Cldy, rainstorm arose from S. 59-70-64 Among other objects occupying my attention was the perusal of Mr Wilde's Speech on the Deposit Question which I esteemed pretty fine Anthony Breese came here enquiring for a stray horse which we had not seen. S.W. Daniels came over in the evening. Beeches cut by frost remained red - Pastures very flourishing. Adeline went to meeting - so also did our great Sarah. Geo P. assisted in making cheese.

MONDAY, JUNE 2 Thund storm at 3 A.M. - another while we were milking - after which the weather grew cold - by 11 wd blew furiously from N.W. 64 - 10 O'clock 70 - noon down to 54 - night 48. Chiefly engaged in the dairying line. Geo repaired gates. Bull bro't home from Browns and confined in N. stable - new barn. Fence against the old Riley place, better known by the appellation of "Morton Place" in these days, was repaired - N.W. wd blow'g a cutting gale all the while. Milking came on earlier than usual at night. Litt Breese being observed to have a difficulty in breathing caused alarm in our minds - Geo went up street - Sylvanus W.D. by request came over to inspect the cow just mentioned, to see if it was anything she had swallowed that caused the trouble - nothing could be discovered of that kind, and after sometime spent thus - it was concluded the creature was safe. Paid H. Warren fifty cents in money & T S. Kent 62-1/2 more, due for work. Uncle S. Robinson came up to look to his cow patient, which he pronounced convalescent. Said should go next day to Stillwater with his nephew A. S. Hyde who was going home to his friends in Georgia, Vt, gaining his health rapidly. Cheese of May 31st 99 lbs.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3 Cold, unpleas't, hazy, high N.W. wd 43-54-64 Cheese of June 1st 101 lbs. Made a large one this day. Cous G.P. rode to Pown'1 - saw & obtained a certificate of inability to do military of Dr B.F. Morgan - Got the Dr to go with him to solicit Miss Shaw to come into our family - but in spite of all that could be said - she persisted in saying, NO. After G's return seated myself beside him & went up street where the companies of Militia shewed themselves to good advantage - under the command of Col Blackmer.

was in a mixture of people in which saw major L.Norton, Doct H.Swift & others. At A.Hinsdill's paid his W.Getty's, share in full for wintering colt \$3.70 - see Dec last - Got Spect. May 29. A blunder in entering the above makes it necessary to be a little more explicit. Paid Will'm Getty \$3.70 as above. S.H.Brown & S.W.D. came over in the evening and talked of farming.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 Really cold - Fair - 39-74-70 Geo & self procured 450 lbs hay on cr at Dr H.Swifts barn, at the rate of \$8 pr ton - Cheese casks headed up - Hoed corn P.M. assisted by father - Bank Reports - majority & minority were rec'd - the former in my opinion was a vile thing. Lydia & Diadamarina rode up to B.R.Sears'. I went to Loomis' & to Fay's on highway errand - wife & daughter visited Mes F.C.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5 Gloomy, cldy, rainy, 52, 58, 60 say 52 m'g. Beeches & butternuts not yet out since the fatal frost - Cheese of 3d 111-1/2 lbs. Hoehandles were made. Planks placed in the E. bay of the old barn last winter were thrown out. Scraper bro't home from Fay's. Got time to read the Minority Report of the Investigating Committee of H.Rep. on Bank U.S. - good - but long. Very dull & drowsy in even'g. Dr Heman Swift came to see Diadamia's youngest child.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6 Pleas't, cool, strong wd N.W. No corn weather. 53-74-70 soon to 65. First hoeing of corn commenced. Father lent a hand, but feeling that it was too hard for him, rode off with Mrs Waters - Made safe return in good season P.M. Lydia & Diadamia had improved the morning in taking a ride - Cows gave great quantity of milk at night - Read more of the Counter Bk Rep't - It was said Hiram Blackmer had failed - had to let some friendly creditors take property to save it. S.W.Dan's had oxen, & I suppose plough to operate on S.H. Blackmer's buckwheat gr'd 1/2 day - On Fay Farm.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 Very fair - the morning cold - 46-84-81 Eve 60 - Ended first hoeing, corn very small - completed hanging gates which were carried from home May 23 - some business executed in the garden. Hopkins went with Chas W.Swift, son of Dr Heman, to drive the grey mare, our 2 yr old colt & other animal property of sd Doct to the Trenor clearing, to pasture - land being owned by him. Just say in Woodford, then pass on to add that G.P., Adeline & Sarah Bryant had business at L.Patchin & Co's in the eve'g, the last with my order of 7/0. Contin'd read'g Counter Bk Comm Rep't in N.Y.Spect. Mrs Kent, daughter & Little gr'd daughter, also Mrs Wrisley, visited our ladies this after'n Syl's D & E.E. washed sheep for neighbor Brown. S.Searls & T.S.Kent completed bridge job near B's on Hon. L.Norton a/c. Searls had oxen & cart to transport cider from S.Scott's in the eve'g on cr. H.Waters came home from Arlington.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8 Contin'd warm & dry - 50-92. Geo., Ad & Sar went to meeting. Finished perusal of Counter Bk Report which I esteemed very able. Read Debate on printing those Reports. H.Waters, B.R.Sears & S.W.Daniels were pres't in the eve'g. Said Lewis Beach had broken down.

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MONDAY, JUNE 9 Fair & until late P.M. very warm - wd N.W. VERY fresh in the eve'g. 58-90-78. 6 bbls rye carried off to mill - mare shod by H.Norton. Some repairs & improvements rendered on vow-pens. Cou N.L.Robinson called up & made settle't with me On notes given in Oct & Dec'r there was due something over 42 dollars and now after deducting his a/c which a little exceeded \$22 the balance coming to me am'td to \$19.17 of which he now pd \$14.17 - Remaining 5 to be pd in about 1 month or thereabouts. He also deliv'd salt & mackerel purchased of the Arnolds pr (T) order. Half bbl said mackerel price \$4 also 1 bbl flour price \$4.88 - short bar of iron for making grindstone crank & i/2 doz steel pens for all which had sent money - pd in full. He took away 3 plaster tierces & was off ab't noon. P.M. a leak in the water pipe which had been known to exist was dug down to & soldered - the latter operation was performed by Mr Deming in the employm't of Sanford & Bräwn, for which would chgd 50 cs. See Oct 29 & Dec 30 1833.

Acud mainly consisting of sweet elder bark was made & given to Big Breese - produced a good effect. Father assisted in the pipe concern. Cowstalls nearly completed. Mr John W.Cobb once more called upon us - assisted in milking the cows - very sociable & agreeable as usual during the evening - appeared to think some of going to Illinois, Michigan or Georgia, or going into business at Troy. Eve'g finished reading Bank Counter Report.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10 Cldy - latter pt rainy - Rain much desired - 54-80 68 to 70 in the eve'g, Traded but lightly with fr'd Cobb who after breakfast took leave. The cow called "Red Sim" for sucking herself had her tongue gashed at the extremity. Father & G.P. performed some work on our own road. Cow-pens finished. Soap made by the ladies - bedsteads overhauled. Mrs Wrisley was in the service of Mrs Waters. Began cheese-press shed - quitted it on acc't of rain. The Dr Fay house, by order of its proprietor, was mostly demolished - being unroofed to get timber for building a small hay barn which was a few days afterward erected on the hill a number of rods to the E of the old mansion. Geo Norton Jun was one of the carpenter's employed on this job. Doctor Fay left it after a residence of 40 years or so for Charlotte, Vt He exchanged lands with Capt Daniel Hinman in 1803 - Removed in Nov. the same year.

Adeline M. was up street, staid over night. Uncle Sam'l & Aunt Sarah rode down on short visit - Cousin Nathan sent to borrow a few lbs nails - granted. Cheese made on the 7th was returned to press from which whey flowed freely. Sam'l H. Brown is proprietor of the Fay farm. Hon L. Norton was credited \$13 & a fraction on highway rate bill beside what was done on Saturday last.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 Flying clds - night had been warm - grew cool afterwards

all day - rapidly from 5 P.M. till 8 in the eve'g. 70-75-58. Cheese press shed finished. Old cheese office cleared out by ladies, Geo over hauls potted cheese, which had been terribly wrought upon by hot weather. Father, Adeline & Hopkins rode together to Hoosick in 1 h wagg. First & last ret'd at night leaving the 2d there - They saw John Rogers & lady. Cows at night were brought by great Sarah - they poured the milk profusely. S W Daniels while we were employed on cheese press shantee - conversed some - borrowed pick axe - not very likely tool however that it should need mentioning here.

Rev'd Mr Horatio Foote had opened a protracted religious meeting at H. Falls. Mrs Sally H. Performed deeds of worth in the dairy room.

Merrick White waggoned wood from Street Lot to Rich'd Carpenters. Wind blew remarkably high at night from N.W.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12 Cold for the season - slight rain in the morning - some pretty heavy gusts N.W. wind. 48-72-66.

Potatoe patch E. of the cheese house was hoed - board fence against E. side said enclosure repaired - Leach tub filled with ashes &c &c M. White drew wood for Rich'd Carpenter. An affair happened at a neighbors which I forbear to name - Intemperance the cause.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13 In the morning & at some other parts of the day there was a small quantity of rain - the article was much wanted. Ther. 52-62-58 Too much uncertainty in the weather to favor out-door work - Garden attended to - Lumber stuck up - Self much in cheese room - Cheese made on the 11th (III-1/2) 102 lbs. Fence by C's orch'd repaired. Capt Heman Robinson out with his teams getting stone for foundation or for some sort of masonry from his father's wood shed land. Old Jimmy McKee arrived here accomp'd by Welling's boy. The old gentleman has long been a resident of the N.pt W.C., Washington Co. N.Y. Loud & earnest in conversation - no Jacksonian. Made settlement with Tho's S. Kent this morning which included bbl cider for \$1.25 - Result being that he owed me 55 cs. Spect of 7th June contained an article on Bank Comm's Report.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14 Unusually cold - some cldy - N. chilly wd - Ther. 46-64-65. Potatoes in the field & corn hoed. Fence down land repaired. Fires - morn'g & eve'g were a luxury. Mr McKee and boy were off - old gent 74 - Whig of the Rev. & of 1834 - very active - age considered - came from Scotland at 14 yrs of age if I rightly recollect. M. White drew wood all or most of the day week for Carpenter. Mrs Duncan visited us - said Justin Martindale's relatives calculated on calling for clothes which he left here in Mar 1826 at the time of his departure for Boston. Cheese made on the 12th weighed 104 lbs - For daily weight see cheese book.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15 Contin'd cool - chilling blasts N. Wind - hazy - Ther. 38-72-62. Cous G. made cheese - self & lady drove over by Sherwood's and that neighborh'd to Hoos F's - made first call at Henry Parsons' & here made principle visit personally - wife attended Foote's Protracted meeting which had now arrived to a high stage of excitement - she returned no more to Henry's - Cous. H. employed himself chiefly in reading the Bible - Wells was there - Chase, his brother in law on his way to Adams, M's made call - supped & resumed his journey - Some lively conversation

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Many spoke against Foote & his meeting - others professed to be penitent converts - of these our sister Ruth & some of her children were honest & sincere beginners. Came away tow'd sunset - Adeline M. being with us. Took the road by the Corners - arrived by 9 in the evening. Thos S. Kent had by request assisted at milking. Henry Warren came early in the morning & wanted to buy cheese for his wife, who was unwell. Sold him the first made in March 24-1/2 lbs @ 8 cs payable in work.

MONDAY, JUNE 16 Contin'd cool - rained moderately a part of the time. 54-64-60. E. stable floor of the old barn takennup - manure which gathered under it thrown out - floor laid down again across the stable in better & different style from what it was before. Lady & self visited L. Patchin & Co's and bo't heavy bill of dry goods including broadcloth for father's vest & pantaloons. Adeline requested to go with us to attend singing school - not fully understanding the object - refused her - but was sorry afterwards - tho in itself a matter of no great importance - considered that by so doing wrong impressions might be produced. Geo P. waited upon her up in the evening. Doct Sam Robinson's came to L.P. & Co's - stated that David Black died this day at noon - aged as I suppose about 47 - was a soldier under gen'l, Brown - 1814 - and took part in the great Battles fought that season - was at Bridgewater at any rate.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17 Cldy - gloomy - wd S- slight rain late P.M. $\frac{3}{4}$ RAIN good at night. Ther. 54-72-60. Garden took it some Fence on Nort. line repaired by G.P. who stated that old Mr Loomis spent considerable time with him. Accomp'd father up street with intent of purchasing cloth to make him a coat. Looked at a piece of black, very fine for the price which had been \$6 - but now as it was a remnant asked only \$5-1/2. There was a half yard more than we wanted - otherwise we would have bo't it. B. like every merch't appeared anxious to trade - got me to say before we should select elsewhere to visit him again - still we had obtained his lowest price - so that if we should see anything more to our liking, there was no prospect of doing better with him. Left major Aaron there. At L.P. & Co bo't 2 yds bl'k broadcloth at \$5-1/2 no, I MISTAKE, IT WAS SET AT \$5 - price had been \$5-1/2 - purchased trimmings - carried the same to Davis the tailor who took measure for a suit not however with the idea of doing anything more than the cutting. Miss Graves being already engaged to execute the sewing.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 Cool & showery, especially P.M. Ther 56-56 not observed eve'g. Repairs of stables finished - burdock cut up - spouts regulated. Cheese of 16th 103 lbs. Started off with 27 Deac skins to go to Barton's, Shaftsbury - but seeing uncle S. Robinson at the printing office who informed me B. didnt want them, changed my destination to White Creek. On the way called on Dyer in the W pt of Shaftsbury - did not wish to buy. In returning to the main road called up under a farmer's shed to avoid a heavy shower - improved the time in reading Gazette - Man of the house appeared to have hands employed at sheep shearing. Drove on to W.C. Village - went to the tannery of Mr Hart but the man would not buy at such price as would at all satisfy me would bid only 25 cs a piece. Immediately was off - came home by N. Bennington - saw Beach's young brother or other lad - requested him to tell B. TO BRING HIS PUMP WITH HIM

whenever he should come to men⁸17eak. Halted a moment at Dr Sam's - met
cous Nathan below the old Fay house - arrived here ab't dark. Cousin
Patterson & wf from Stockbridge, M's had been here - bro't a very good
letter from our uncle Eph Taylor - Barrington - no Jackson about him.
Ben Sears & lady had spent P.M. with their relatives at this house -
all departed together.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19 Cool, rainy now & then - sun scarcely seen all day.
Ther 60-60-51. Going to mill & clearing off rub-
bish in milking yard & elsewhere made the chief business. Geo bro't
home cheese-press irons. I wrote letters to uncle Taylor & J.A. Wight
which in the eve'g Geo & Ade;ine conveyed to B.R. Sears' to go by Mr
Patterson & lady.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 Showery, wet indeed, Ther. 58-69-60. Board fence E.
side milk'g y'd which had been built 12 or 14 years
was taken down as it now intruded upon those fine young maples standing
beside it, & this day rebuilt with new posts & mostly with new boards -
not however quite finished. Cheese 18th., 100 lbs. Post Office Depart-
ment bankrupt to am't of 800,000 dollars - pretty well for our Jackson
Reformists - Beech leaves coming - also those of the butternut.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 Foggy morn'g, fair day, flying cl'ds. Ther. 53-73-72.
Fence completed, All old logs & every kind of post,
billet of wood &c was gath'd up & regularly stowed away. Half hhd set
for water E. of the new fence. Went to the grist mill with Hopkins.
Bro't away suit from Davis'. Conversed with B.W. Jackson about taking
Deac skins - some encouragem't for trading. Came on home & found Mr Mes-
senger from Newport, N.H. with Miss Ad Eliza Gleason - visit'g here P.M.
TOLD ME HE WAS A SHOEMAKER, sent first rate shoes to Cincinnati, O., on
contract. Rec'd 1/2 doz steel pens pr M.L. Robinson. Geo P. Harwood on re-
quest of gen'l Robinson assisted in getting outvflagging stone, gone 2 o-
or 3 hours. Elihu Wright rec'd 1 bbl cider at \$1.50 on cr. Greatly en-
gaged reading Webster on Jackson's Protest. Bells rang on acc't death
of Gen'l LaFayette who departed this life in France, May 20 in his 77th
yr. The last of the Revolutionary Major Generals, & he was one of our
finest.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 Cldy, wd S. some rainy late in the day with thunder.
Ther 52-74-71. Derived much satisfaction from the
perusal of Webster on Presidents Protest, deliv'd May 7 1834. Also exam-
ined Report on Post Office. Father & mother went to church P.M. Geo.
Hopkins, Ad. & Sarah were there all day - New Minister - Mr Messenger &
his intended, for they said he was but lately a widower, attended Public
Worship 1/2 day. Wrote down in this book most of the acc't of the 5th
May. Hiram Waters at home from Arlington. Dr H. Swift came down, had much
to say on Politicks, particulzrly respecting the B'k Comm. of which he
learnt much from one of the members of sd Com. whole at Washington.

MONDAY, JUNE 23 Fair, wd N. Ther 60-84-88. Corn hoed 2d time. Very
small. Sent letter to Gary, Troy, respecting skins -
didn't know that he had been broken down. H. Waters off to Arlington. Mrs
Cath Rogers & her sister Abigail came on a visit - gave a woeful acc't
of the conduct of Geo Potter their brother-in-law - very ugly to his wf
who loved & feared him. Sols cow gave 25-1/2 lbs milk at night. Beeches
began to appear green.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 24 Warm, or say hot, wd chiefly S. severe thunder shower in the morn'g while milking - another heavy one after dinner. Merc. 68-84-86-70. Contin'd hoeing. Concluded on keeping Hopkins at home from school. Cheese on 23d rather sour, that of 22d weighed 100 lbs. Geo & Hopk's up street in eve'g. Papers very full of P. Off. Rep't & debate on the same in the Senate & letter of J. Downing. Irons to new cheese press fixed on - now well & stoutly secured. S.W. Daniels & Thos S. Kent were here in the eve'g-latter on curious kind of errand.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 Cool, fly'g clds, wd N.W. Merc. 56-74-66. Late in the morn'g started for Williamstown with father in 1 h wagg. Called at L. Jewett's who desired us to do some business for him in Pow'l concern'g surveying business - the errand was accordingly done. Also enquired at G. Cards to know if Miss A. Shaw could be had for Mrs Waters - gone to Richmond's Inn, Hoosick, N.Y. This side Myers' saw a horse cart filled with children including their mother in a most beggarly condition, travelling N. On "Dug Way" met some big teams, also passed others bound up the river. At Ware's on State Line made short halt - appeared to be a Temperance house - called for beer - some was bro't forth, but being rather flat Landlord chgd nothing for it. Saw "London Times" of last March - twice the size of N.Y. Spect. Previous to gaining this house observed by the road side a long string of post & rail fence composed of chestnut timber. The farm has usually borne the name of "The Rouse Farm", lately bought by Dr Smith of Williamstown of Willard Bates, Pownal. Present owner had been putting it under heavy repairs. Drove on moderately, arrived at Bridges about 1 p.m. Mr B. off on farm. Mrs B. rec'd us handsomely - saw a man digging to sink a cistern for holding rain-water - another person was building said cis. in the barn. Cous Marg't very well pleased at seeing us. Father left me conversing with her to go over to see the widow of the late Jed Stone, a cous of mine on my mothers side. M. told me that at Mr Phillip's, Petersburgh the family had been rather sickly - Old gent very lately died aged about 86 - also old Mr Barber, father of Patience B., see Journal for 1823, Mayn & early June & 1825. The former of the above named Gent's cous M. said was 87 - latter died in Mar having had consumption for 30 years. Franklin Phillips gone to Chas'ton, S.Car. in the mercantile line doing well. Gen Worthington remained attached to the cause of Intemperance - but the people in gen'l in that town faithfully adhered to the opposite interest. Cous M. came to B.V. Apl 26 Mrs B. walked abroad with the lady of L. Smedley Jr - did not exactly recognize the latter as she came in - feeling a little awkward on that acc't, omitted speaking directly to her, made queer bull besides. Mr B. came up to the house a short time before we left. Father ret'd from Mrs S's, found her well. Drove to Mr Foote's, son in law of Mr Elijah Smedley, kept select school consisting of about 10 or 12 young boys from 8 to 12 - principally gentleman's sons from N.York - Boys pretty thick about the premises at play. Mare turned to pasture - took supper

Mr F. seemed to be driving a good business at teaching which I should have estimated at a gain of \$500 or \$600 annually - Shewed us many improvements made by him since the place came under his care - in removal of buildings, erection of board & rail fences &c.- had many more in contemplation. The ladies of the house happened to be gone on a visit to get information respecting Harvey Smedley of Ohio - a neighbor having recently returned from an excursion into that country. Said S. was reported to be doing very well & was contented with his fortune. After supper - and just before I leave off telling of that, suppose it is added that Mr F. pretty strongly united with me in condemning the measures of the N. administration - then will go on to tell that a few moments were improved in paying a visit to the dairying establishment of one of the sons of Israel Cole who not many months since had come into possession of the old Noble place - E. extremity of the Village - no small expense had been incurred on the dwelling as well as in various other ways, building cheese house &c &c - They were engaged in milking, good looking cows, in number 23 if I mistake not - yielding about 80 lbs cheese daily - Dairyn appeared nice - late warm weather had caused it to spread too much for their notion. Mr F. told me of some import't facts respecting rennets which ought to have been communicated to me 3 months sooner - would have saved me several dollars expense during the present season. He said his Father's people last year used but 25 rennets to bring the curds 16000 lbs cheese. A single one had brought curds for 2500 lbs cheese. Purchase of the farm, cost upw'd \$10,000. From Mr C's returned to M.L. Smedley's - all going on as usual. L. Jun not at home until late in the eve'g in consequence of which prayers were delayed some time. The ceremony was performed before his return - saw him, however, previous to going to bed.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26 Cldy, wd S. smart thunder shower arose in Adams 2 o'clock P.M. After which wd hauled around to the W. N., clear & cool. Wrote minutes in the morn'g - Attended Religious services before breakfast. Walked over to Mr Foote's rec'd assistance from Mr Elijah S, WHO NOTWITHSTANDING ALMOST TOTAL BLINDNESS could go about the farm pretty nimbly - very sociable during the excursion. Let me mention that Mr F. kept a hand on the farm who appeared to be a good one employed by the year at \$12 per month. Having rec'd very handsome treatment from F. & his father-in-law started for S. Adams, made a halt at the store of W.E. Brayton, N. Adams, enquired for the proprietor, & was informed by a young man who proved to be his son, that he was gone to Lenox to attend Court. Bo't a few very good box raisins - left compliments to his father with instructions that if he should buy cheese in the Fall - should like to have him call on me. Proceeding deliberately along arrived before 12 M., at Mr Ebenezer Cole's where by invitation we dined. Enjoyed much lively conversation during the visit - strong Jackson man - disliked Mr Foote the Revivalist very much - Had read his newspapers on Politicks pretty faithfully - his health was much improve since our first acquaintance with him in 1831 - imputed it to having a rowel fixed in his side. He had great fears of the U.S. Bank and unbounded confidence in the administration of Andrew Jackson. The time here passed off very agreeably - much was talked over which it would be tedious to mention here. Resumed our journey zfter endeavoring to make our ~~next~~ host sensible that we felt grateful for past & present favors. To avoid the shower stopped at Col.

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Willmarth who treated us with a sort of negative civility - not sociable & communicative at all - rather in the cold form plan - but still it would be ungenerous in me to pronounce too boldly on so slight an acquaintance. His house & shed certainly shielded us & our beast from the fury of the storm - appeared to be about 50 yrs of age - and from externals seemed rather wealthy. Shower being over, proceeded forward by the new road to south Village which was found to be a snug looking pretty place - called at a large new stone factory built by Russell. Brown & Plunket, his partner - the former principal owner - lower part occupied as a machine shop - upper rooms chiefly empty - some parts of cotton machinery loosely thrown in - establishment had not gone into operation because of the bad times - fine building - measuring 100 ft in length from N. to S. by 44 from E. to W. There were 2 handsome brick dwellings for boarders standing opposed to each other which with the factory followed an elegant hollow square - length being from the road W. nearly to the N. & S. ends of the factory. Saw a Mr Peck at the machine shop who requested us to examine stoves which he offered for sale. Not being in mood for buying we paid little attention to them - examined the large water wheel & other things that seemed worth seeing & were away. Took a cross road which bro't us over to the W. road near or at a small school house, after climbing some pretty steep hills. It was so early in the afternoon that we concluded on riding some distance beyond the house at which we had proposed to ourselves to spend the night - so with great deliberation and composure kept jogging along to the S. keeping an eye to the fine meadows & pastures which presented themselves in that district. After passing the house of Israel Cole, saw a fine lot of cows which we took to be his - observed 2 or 3 pretty heavy dairying establishments in & near that neighborhood. Enquired, now and then, how far it was to Cheshire Corners; but the place at which we last put the question very providentially brought us in contact with persons who knew us & it rather surprised me at first - as I supposed myself among entire strangers. It was at a very pretty house built in the style of 1799 - handsomely located on a dry clean moderate swell of land. As I spoke to the lady of the house, having her youngest child in her arms, to inform me the distance to the place mentioned above, she earnestly eyed me saying it was $3/4$ of a mile - breaking out instantly "How do you do, Mr Harwood". We were not long in finding out each other - she was no other than the wife of the son of Mr E. Cole at whose house I staid in June 1831 - made us welcome at once - sent out for her husband to come in from the field, and on seeing us he appeared as friendly as if we had been near relatives - at any rate he said he knew no difference between us picked up acquaintance, as ours happened to be, & those to whom he was connected by ties of blood. Self, perhaps, is so sly a spirit as to be uppermost when least we are conscious of it, but really we supposed ourselves glad to see these people & rec'd at their hands very kind treatment. Notwithstanding the lateness of the hour - 5 P.M., our resolution being to return up the road 2 or 3 miles to tarry - the woman knocked together a supper in a hurry of which we partook

with the family, While there, mutual account was given of trouble that had visited us in the course of 3 years - Mr C's sickness 1831 - my fathers hurt in May last - burning of Hiram W's house. Mr C. said his sickness weaned him from an over-anxious desire to get wealth - He did not mean that he had dropped the idea of acquiring property, but he felt that it was not right for us to indulge the propensity to a fault, as many do. After manifesting the degree of pleasure it gave us to receive such kind treatment - so far as language would express it & giving them a strong invitation to visit us - we left ab't 6 in the eve'g - our beast having shared with us the hospitality of our friends. They said the farm on which they lived contained 50 acres - held possession with exception of a Widow's thirds or some such thing. Came up to a certain great dairyman's house - turned through his gate - rode boldly up to the front side of the wood shed where several persons were standing - supposed to be the gentleman of the house, his boys and others in his employment. we alighted from our vehicle and I introduced myself & father as well as the case would admit - asked it it was recollected that we were there in 1831 or perhaps said 3 years ago? A young man immediately exclaimed "How do you do, Mr Harwood", whom we soon ascertained to be a son of Mr R. Wickwire - came here by the present season. But little attention seemed to be paid to us. We requested to see the Dairy - granted - the gentleman was very sociable - gave us the bad side of the picture - dairy not "smart" - had the best lot of cows he ever had 3 years ago, His dairy was in fine condition, almost or quite all the cheeses were bound up - held their shape very exact. As we withdrew from the dairy house a softly reluctant, cold invitation was given to walk in. It was very near or about sunset - our minds were fully made up - to N. Adams we would & did go - arriving between 8 & 9 i in the evening. Enquired for Mr Butler who was practicing music at C.B Turners store - his house was situated a few rods to the N. near the bridge over the N. branch of the Hoosick. Mr B. & his lady, 2d cousin of mine, only daughter & I believe only child of the late Jed Stone of Williamstown - rec'd us very courteously - and we sat up late busily engaged in conversation. Had mare stabled at Smith's, contentedly retired to rest.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27 One of the finest ~~maxgank~~ mornings ever seen by man and the remainder of the day was cool & pleasant. Early we took a walk among the Factory buildings . of the river, below the upper bridge, as far down as the lower Calico Printing establishment did not enter any of those work houses - returned to B's for breakfast which being over - Mr B undertook to show us all around the Village - saw the oldest factory in the place - the upper Print Works - saw all the factories in that part of the V. called the Union - didn't go inside. Had the appearance of doing great business, to see so many cotton establishments and the dwellings necessary for the people who worked therein. The factory highest up stream appeared to be in a wilderness, with scarcely no road to it - altogether in a rough state - I should guess distant from the lower village 1-1/2 miled - It was fairly astonishing to see how these works were stuck in to the bank of the river - and yet there was room for ever so many more

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After returning from this jaunt - took very friendly leave of our cousins who had treated us in a manner very pleasing indeed. Mr B. to accomodate us had laid aside all business, went all the rounds & given us all the information respecting the printing works that he could - Furthermore as we came down against the lower establishment drove down & went in, saw it in full operation. I forbear even an attempt at description, would advise anyone unacquainted with the craft to call & see for himself. No correct idea can possibly be formed of the manner in which the thing is done without seeing with one's eyes - Spent considerable time here very agreeably & perhaps profitably. Again put forward for home - halting long enough at the old squire Jones' place to view Mr Harrison's barn which he had erected within the last twelve months. I accidentally became acquainted with Mr H. I think in 1831 on my return from Troy with Mr O.W. Daniels' ³/₄ He then informed me of his intention to build such barn which he supposed would build \$500 - I should estimate it higher than that from appearances. Stands S. of the high'y on a pretty high bank which allowed him 2 stories in rear - 100 ft long - width do not know - very well finished - well accommodated with very deep bays - good stabling & a cellar. Have not time to say more of it, excepting that water is bro't in lead, so that as to render its use very convenient. There were two sheds attached to the road adding much to the convenience - so much studied so much throughout the whole scheme. Didn't go to the College but kept on the back road - feeling too anxious to go directly home to permit ourselves to call on our relatives in Wms town. Baited at Ware's on Line where we saw cousin L. Smedley Jr. W. produced a very elegant copy of Doddridges Expositor - Authorn born 1702 Died Oct 1751 - Arrived at the old domicil sometime P.M. During our absence had seen a great flourishing grass - some good fields of grain - by far a grand majority, low backward corn speaking collectively of the various pieces we had observed - Oates benerally appeared finely. G.P. HAD KEPT ALL THINGS IN DUE ORDER - calf skins carried off to B.W. Jackson according to contract Some work was executed on our private road during the remainder of the day. . Cobb called on us - Thomas S. Kent had given assistance at milking while we were gone. George had taken minutes of the state of the thermometer - thus June 26th - 60-80-66-27, 50, 51, 70, 60.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28 Temperate, cldy, misted very fine rain P.M. ³/₄ Merc 48-68-59. Potatoes were hoed. Walked with father to B. W. Jackson' where he had his foot measured for a pair of thin boots & conversed some respecting our old uncle . Harwood, with whom he was formerly acquainted while living in Rutland. On the hill at L. Patchin & Co's cloth was bo't for the old gentleman's vest & pantaloons - no - I am in correct - it was 1/4 yd black, for facing to its coats. The statement of a/c against us at that time amounted to rising of \$75. At Gazette of fice learned that our friend Sol Clark had by being thrown from a horse rec'd a serious hurt in his side & shoulder. Coming down street, meeting our friend Saml Fay Esq stopped to converse a few moments on the affair at Washington - corruptions of P.O. - Rejection of Tacy & Stevenson - he viewed the P.O. affairs to be in a most disgraceful & ruinous state. In stead of the Bank being so very corrupt, it was those intriguing fellows who managed the former concern that were doing all the mischief. In Spect of Jun 23 was the resignation of the Sec of State and Letter of J. Downing

H.Waters arrived from Arlington - two of his best hands had had the misfortune to fall from high stagings. Mr Griffin, one of the sufferers, was seriously injured. Rec'd the 7 bbls salt from Andrews, Troy, pr Mr N.L. Robinson - Bill at A's over \$11. There was a light gate erected. Sarah's shoes procured &c.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29 Cool, cldy, S.wd, very slight rain. Merc 59-66-63.
Look in papers concerning that abominable Post O. concern. Much time spent in writing - that concern being vastly in rear Cheese of 27th weighed 94 lbs. Geo., Ad & S.Bry went to meeting.

MONDAY, JUNE 30 Flying clds, wd NW, some showers late PM. M 62-72, 66
Ald of sand from Dr S. Robinson's was bro't by G.P. Hopkins in co. - Bed of mortar made - ditch dug for laying foundation of horsebarn underpinning. The Potter cow's calf is killed & put out of the way - several of the cows had disordered bags. Forwarded order on Arnolds to N.L. Rob. by my old lady & daughter - for sack of salt & 25 lbs rice.

TUESDAY, JULY 1 Hazy, cldy, S wd, thund shower in eve'g, Merc 57, 80, 73.
Horse barn which had been filled with a variety of loose property, was cleared for removal - ditch filled with small stones &c - Father & mother rode away - traded some at Blackmer's - carried billet to Dr N. Swift to notify him to send hands to work out Wid. Billing's road tax assessed on her estate - of which he was Administrator. Engage John Whiton to do mason work. Saw the lady of Hendryx C. Hull at wid. Polly Dewey's - more they saw & did, but I cant stay to write it. Mrs Wrisley boiled soap for D.Waters - Eve'g perused Debate on P.O. & affairs too comp'd. E. Fay Jun & his brother-in-law Ovaite viewed cows, cheese & cheese press. Yellow Pierce cow had rec'd a bad contusion on the back part of her bag, injured the quality & lessened the quantity of her milk. Trees in full leaf, fruit very scant. Cheese 29th 102 lbs.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 Wet rainy morn'g, rainy PM - very faint during a pt of the day. Merc. 64, 73, 69. Stone drawn on boat for foundation of horse-barn - mortar mixed. Left off work before night - improved opportunity in reading more of P.O. Debate. Mrs W. boils Mrs Waters soap. Cheese of Jun 30 - 97 lbs. Whole am't made in June, 3042 lb green. Hopkins went to mill, accomp'd home by W. Sibley. Mother rec'd pewter teapot from F. Blackmer - on trial would not hold water - was consequently returned.

THURSDAY, JULY 3 Cldy, rainy, warm, very unpleas't - sun came out very hot - 64-80-70. Whiton came on, performed PM half days work. Mr M. Hurd & lady paid us a visit - came to look at the dairy Related many melancholy occurrences - death of Esq Sam Thayer her father in Dec last, and that of his daughter Ruth at W. Creek the pres't season. In the eve'g Geo & Adeline went up to B.R. Sears's in wagg. Ret'd with letters from C. Harwood & Ellen M. Parsons - the last announced that Miss Butler would engage in our business as soon as her time expired where she was. The other was a side-ways begging letter or rather a sort of repetition of an old claim without foundation, on the property here. Diadamia went with Mrs Wrisley to Hinsdill's to trade. Dr Swift came to me to see respecting the road business. Cheese of July 1 weighed ninety six pounds.

FRIDAY, JULY 4 Fair, very warm - growing season. Merc. 57, 82, 86.
Assisted by S.W. Daniels & Mr Baker the old horse barn was by means of rollers placed on the new foundation prepared by Mr Whiton against W. end of the old barn - front ranging in

in a straight line with the latter building, or to save words, say the same. Mr W. finished his job in decent fashion, paid him in full there for \$1.50 He disliked Temperance Societies with a vengeance. Was formerly acquainted with Mr Josiah West a curious sort of character who came into our neighborhood to reside in 1812 or 1813 - knew of his getting married to a certain widow who children he defrauded out of property which justly belonged to them. This took place in New Canaan or in some neighboring town. Was a good deal vexed with leaky cheeses which req'd powerful pressing. Mother & S. rode up to Duncan's to get strawberries Mrs D. not at home, berries few & far between. Nelson Duncan borrowed road-scraper to use in working the Billings' road. Dr N. Swift sent on his Irishman as agreed on to labor on sd road. Stephen Jewett travelled past our house this day. Vast firing of guns & ringing of bells.

SATURDAY, JULY 5 Hazy, very warm. Merc. 58, 88, 64. Wrote letter to Moses Finn of W. Rutland, denying on all color of claim on the part of C. Harwood, his father in law, to property descended from the late Peter Harwood - that his share had long since been paid to him in toto. The major part of said letter was copied & preserved among papers in the old desk for further use if called for. Wrote another to E. M. Parsons that we that we should send on by the time app'd for Miss Butler - adding a few words respecting the late Revival there - and that ended it - but I suppose she never got it. Business carried me to Algiers - called on Geo Gillson for money for 20 bhls potatoes deliv'd in May - made excuses, could not pay it at present - if he broke down I should not lose it - would come & saw wood until it was paid. Rec'd 12 rennets at Mr Peck's on cr. Conveyed Mrs Dickinson up to the center meeting house - she told me some particulars respecting the bankruptcy of her brother David Armstrong, in about the year 1817, by which she was the loser to am't of nearly \$2000. Saw J. A. French in E. Village. At the printing office saw Sol S. Clark who related in what manner Drs Gilbert & Chandler set his shoulder - the former liked to have proved a great damage to him for want of skill - would not suffer him to proceed alone insisted upon sending for the latter, and so he did. Spent the eve'g very agreeably with cous N. L. Robinson, Wife & Harr't Albro - there were here likewise Owen Rood & Geo Robinson, hands in H. Waters' employ't. G. waited upon Sarah up street, but it was not exactly to his liking. The debt incurred at the removal horse barn was this day paid in hoeing, to Daniels & Baker, by father & G. P. The garden was pretty well worked out. Dairy growing troublesome.

SUNDAY, (AUG.) Very fair & extremely warm. Merc. 57-88-82. Besides
JULY 6 seeing all right in the dairy line, examined papers in regard to the death of LaFayette. Proceedings of U. S. on the P. O. Rep't. Revolutionary Documents - Rejection of Stevenson & Taney, both I believe justly treated. Cous Nathan, wife & Harriet went away in the morning. Mother, Adeline & Sarah went to meeting - The last in the evening rec'dcythe company of her beau - Mr Adams, Woodford. Friend Chatfield Parsons made a call - said he had been among friends in Rensselaer Co., Greenville & other places besides a trip to N. Y. City

Hon Hiland Hall arrived in town on Saturday from Washington. The father of the Rev'd Mr Hooker preached to a Bennington audience this day - young part of our family did not relish his preaching much.

MONDAY JULY 7 Warmest day experienced the pres't season. Merc.67, 88,90 in shade - 20 minutes past 3 PM merc.stood at 103 in open field - 8 in eve'g 78 - 11 eve'g 76. Plowing & hoeing corn & potatoes. Cheese of Jul 5, 92 lbs. Cous Samuel Robinson of Troy came down in the eve'g to pay his respects to us. Very sociable. T.C.Parsons likewise appeared here in the course of the day. An old door & wide board were nailed up against the SW corner of the old stoop.

TUESDAY, JULY 8 Hottest day almost that had been the pres't season mitigated it is true now and then by faint North'y breezes, flying clds - Merc 73 m'g, 92 at M $\frac{3}{4}$ 82 at eve'g. and ab't 2 PM stood at 114 in the sun. Hoeing corn completed. Rode with Geo & Hopkins to F.Blackmer's store where the former bo't on my a/c scythe & rifle. I also rec'd a copy of Buck's Theological Dictionary, chgd at 50 cs, bo't purposely for me when last in N.Y. by my friend F.B. Had 1 lb raisins. chgd 1/0 - Saw Esq Elijah Fillmore who spoke of his own family & that of his sister Mrs Lawrence, whose first husband bore the name of Dixon - full of life & animation - fond of company & music. I was acquainted with his son Barnet in 1812-13-15 - think the last I saw him was in the winter of 1817 on his way to the W - met him somewhere in Shingle Hollow, Hoosick - He too was crious in music as an untutored performer on violin - now resides in Ashtabula Co., Ohio. We conversed on various topics among which may be (enumerated) noticed the story of the entrance of the first 6 families in town, June 18, ~~1764~~ 1761. If I am spared long enough mean to enter some particulars respecting those patriarchs of Bennington. There was a foolish law-suit going on at S.H.Blackmer's office, the foundation of which was the firing of a gun near widow somebod's by a young man whose name I did not learn. W. pt of the town people took great interest in it, saw among them A.Kinsley, (Reub) David Armstrong & Reub Wickwire. Looked at & tried on pr boots at Jackson's which I refused to buy. Took Spect of July 3 & came home - had a hand in milking as late as 9 in the eve'g - Very warm indeed. Cous Samuel, after looking about the farm awhile in the morn'g went home. Saw W.S. Southworth at F.Blackmer's.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 Hottest day almost ever experienced in our country. Some said in open sun Therm'r stodd at 125. Ours was not so tried, it was only exposed to a shaded atmosphere & stood thus 68-90-97, 82 nine at night. More airy than on the 8th - heat more unsteady - showers were seen off SE., SW & NW while with us there was a mere sprinkling. It was a dreadful time in the dairy house - cheeses so soft that we were afraid they would actually melt down. Those made during the last hot days did not appear to do well. To ward off the heat of the sun, bushes were fixed up at the W. end of the cheese house.

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Two or three P.M. had occasion to visit Algiers - walked over by the Lieut Saf'd place - saw the Union Academy scholars speaking orations in the edge of the woods S. of the Academy - esteemed most of them to be good speakers & was well entertained hearing the speeches of Chatham & other Brit. Statesmen. Took seat at J. Norton's store - many persons were constantly in motion to & fro, among whom may mention Elder Haynes, who had over his Universal talk, Alson Squites, T.C. Parsons, Hymen Tuttle & Hiram Hull. Our friend John Norton discoursed with me on politicks - Jackson neasures much disapproved of - we did not disagree at all - went strongly ahead. Travelled over to the works of major L. Norton - talked much with him on the subject - He concluded there would not be that revolution in public opinion which some people had anticipated, for it was the case in all parts of the country that the Administration presses deceived the people the same as the Fudge (Gazette) in this County. Saw & engaged William Bates to work for us in haying at 21 dollars per month, furnishing himself with scythe & snath. Major Luman took pleasure in shewing me his works.

THURSDAY, JULY 10 Unusually warm morn'g, began only to grow cool, falling from 76 down to 74 - 72 at noon - 66 at night.

Preparation had been made for haying on the 9th. Old horse barn was regulated this day. I was personally employed a part of the day in the usual avocation, dairying. PM with my lady rode to the house of Dr Sam'l Robinson - made short tarry, seeing cous N.L. Robinson's folks - his father was gone to see uncle Safford who had endured a recent shock of palsy. Proceeded to the store of Hinsdill & Swift where trading was done to some am't on cr which was entered on the store book under this date. Saw Dan'l Rogers & col F. Brackenridge - the former had disposed of his wool at 50 cs - some conversation ensued on the Removal of the Deposit - all of one & the same opinion. Came home by the Henderson hill - saw Mr Graves & son in trouble with a horse that had reared so high as to fall & hurt himself severely - could not get him up. In the street called on J.C. Haswell for Gazette, but not having printed it the pres't week, handed over among others the Washington Globe.

FRIDAY, JULY 11 Much more comfortable as to heat - everything growing rapidly. Merc. 57-82-72. Beginning of haying, cutting clover & timothy W. of the house on wheat stubble of last yr. Had business in the Street - sold out some cheese which had been injured by hot weather, in small parcels - 8 lb to B.W. Jackson - 10-3/4 lb to D. Clark tow'd Gazette, ab't 8 to James Hubbell Esq for which allowed me 50 cs on subscription to side walk, 11 to M.S. Norton. Bo't spect. case, steel, at Sanf'd & B's, booked at 12-1/2 cs. Had waggon repaired at Chandler's - Father & mother afterwards rode to see Lieut Safford whom they found in a measure comfortable - mother attended Friday meeting - traded 79 cs at F.B's - PM rubbed cheeses - appearance greatly imp'd by cool weather. Cous Emily & Adeline walked in the eve'g up to singing school - the former had been here on a visit. Hopkins went for Dr H. Swift to visit Henry Warren who was said to be very ill. Sarah Bryant visited Mrs Kent

In Spect of Jul 7 was the Prospectus of the Downingville Gazette. Celebration at N.Y. went off pretty handsomely. Rec'd a pair of thin boots of Mr Benj. W. Jackson on contract

SATURDAY, JULY 12 Fair & dry. Merc 56-85-68. Went up Street - sent Hopkins to Hoosick to bring out Miss Butler, with whom he ret'd late in the day. Let Jackson have father's boots to fix over - not fitting him exactly - said he could so prepare them that they would do well. Had business at F. Blackmer's - saw Saml H. & others there. Coming home was overtaken by Simmons Burtis & lady from H. Falls - met Hopkins on the road - Afternoon 1 ton of hay was got in by help of B., a part of which slipped off, having been loaded by our cousin. Late in the day rode with him over to Sage's City where he made a lumber contract with Robinson & Blackmer - saw Esq Waiste reading a Vol of Magazines. Cousin B. was calculating on building a dwelling house the ensuing winter. Came home by Col Brackenridge's - called & Bo't 5 rennets. Col. not at home - did not pay for rennets - saw there Mr Babbitt the father in law of the Col. would mention seeing young Beech at N. Bennington, brother of Lewis B. Arrived here about dark - everything growing well. Daily average of cheese 90 lbs. H. Waters arrived from Arlington - in good health & spirits.

SUNDAY, JULY 13 Pretty warm, cldy, signs of rain, wd SE Merc 56-84-76 Perused papers in which were some late speeches on the removal of Deposits. Did something at writing. Mother went to meeting, conveyed by Mr Burtis - Father went on foot. Dismissed & paid off Mary Bryant in the sum of \$4.32 who had been in our employ't ever since the 15th May at 75 cs pr week. She for very good reasons did not suit us at all, nor could she suit anyone if her conduct remained unaltered. Hopkins conveyed her to Mr Gales' in 1 h wagg. She had rec'd on acc't enough to balance her demands besides what was now paid her. Rec'd the company of T.C. Parsons, S.W. Daniels & T.S. Kent.

MONDAY, JULY 14 Rainy early, very warm especially PM - wd E. & N. Merc. 68-82-1/2-92-1/2-80-76 Quarter past 3 PM in open sun 100. Continued haying where commenced on Saturday. Mr Bates cam on according to agreement - Two tons hay was got in - T.S. Kent had oxen & cart to transport wood from Jewett's. Mr Prescho applied for chance to board with us. Hiram Waters arrived in the eve'g from doing business in Woodford, in town & all about. Requested a timber bill to be made out to E. Lyon for building new house.

TUESDAY, JULY 15 Faint, damp, cldy, warm - heavy shower very early in the morn'g - there were showers in the vicinity afterw'ds - slight sprinkling here - Dist't thunder. Mercury stood at 72-80-82-76 Geo & Bates completed mowing over new gr'd which produced pretty bountifully. Dairy appeared too soft - Mr Beach fixed pipe, branching off S. to the cask in the kitchen - done pretty fairly too - regulated pipe to an additional watering establish't attached to the old trough - charged by 75 cs on cr. Sent Hopkins to L. Patchin & Co to procure block-tin faucet, price 3/0 York, if I mistake not. Read Polk on Deposits. Mr J C Prescho entered as boarder - assisted at milking - pitched off 1d of hay in the morning

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Aunt Sarah came for a visit, gallanted by cous Emily who leaving her mother returned home at night. Alate letter to the former from uncle C Harwood was exhibited - solicited favors from his relatives here - had been sick for 10 weeks with gravel. Desired uncle S. Robinson to forward \$1's worth Morrison's pills, seemed to think brother Benjamin might do something for him. Cheeses growing less, but over 90 lbs. Our sister Lydia appeared to enjoy a degree of satisfaction in relating her adventures on Monument Mountain, Harrington, M's looking over edge of table rock where the perpendicular height is perhaps more than 100 feet. She visited it. H. Waters kept himself as busy as a bee - seeing & settling with Sanf'd & B & others. Came home sick in the evening.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 Contin'd extremely warm, cldy morn'g, farmers could not calculate much what the weather would be - Hot sunny PM $\frac{3}{4}$ THUND CLD APP'd at the W. but we only rec'd a slight sprinkling from it here. Merc 72-85-90-76. Four acres grass cut, much clover down. 3 loads got in. J.C.P. assisted us night & Morning. H. Waters off to Arlington. Too much worn out for reading or writing at night. Dairy not doing to suit me, very soft, soft indeed. Hot evening. Grass on this farm appeared to be coming in well. Aunt Sarah went to see wid Norton & others in the S.pt of the town. 6 bhls rye were sent to mill by Hop's

THURSDAY, JULY 17 Great heat & expansion of air contin'd until about noon, after which clds & thunder seemed to cause it to grow cool. Rec'd some small am't of rain pas noon - 4 PM ceased - Damp eve'g - Merv. 70-80-86-72. Bates & T.S. Kent wound up the day at mowing. Four lds clover hay were drawn in - had several hundreds, or ~~xxx~~ rather indeed a majority of the hay which was under preparation early in the day, was left out in consequence of being rained on. Much mow'g was executed. Rec'd assistance of Harry Warren at raking hay, though he was feeble, not having recovered from his late sickness. T.S. Kent worked all the fair part of the day. A cheese made on the 12th of May was cut, pieces of which were sold out to the neighbours. S.W. Daniels had some for Mr Brown's people. Mrs Mary W. Coffin from Troy came here with her little girl about 2 yrs old which had very recently had a wen cut out of its head, situated near the eye. It was executed by Dr Jon Chandler of Bennington E. Village. Mr Presho acted well his part in the play Cheeses remarkably soft - Mrs Harwood devoted much time in dairy room. Neighbor Brown suffered more than we from rain - having a greater quantity of hay, which was cut on the E. section of the F. farm exposed to the rain. Had green peas for dinner. New stubble land - 4 acres produced about 9 tons very good clov. hay. Dairy bothers me wofully.

FRIDAY, JULY 18 Agreeably temperate - comparatively speaking - thin hazy clouds. Wd mainly N. Thermom. 58-74-68-60 at dark. Haying going on well. T.P. Kent in our service all day - H. Warren 2/3rs of the same - not fully restored to health.

Some mowing done in Litt meadow. Four tons clov hay drawn in. J.C. Presho assisted in winding up the day's work very handsomely. Papers full of riotous outrages committed in the City of N.Y. on property & person belonging to the crazy, foolish & demented fanatics called Abolitionists Adeline had business up Street at night - slept there.

SATURDAY, JULY 19 Fine, fair, wd S. seemed slyly working up a rain storm. Tolerably warm. Merc stood mostly at 80. cool m'g & eve'g. 52-80-68. Haying very lively. New gr'd all cut over besides some of the ~~new~~ old in N. mead. & 2/3rds L. mead. Quality collectively excell't. All hands worked stoutly - Presho out PM $\frac{3}{4}$ Grandfather & Hopkins performed their several parts admirably well - the latter raked after cart assisted by Heman Wrisley. Bates off home in the evening, or in Algiers. 22 loads hay, computed at 20 tons, got in pres't week Mrs Coffin & child gzlanted up Street by Lydia & Diadamia.

SUNDAY, JULY 20 Fine, refreshing breezes. Ther. 56-76-82-75. Much pleased reading anecdotes in New Yorker. Younger part of the family attended Divine service. Mrs Harwood PM only. Mrs Waters also. Saw acc'ts of riots in City of N.Y. Occup'd writing late day

MONDAY, JULY 21 Hot, c;dy, rained very little past noon, Wd S. mostly but in the eve'g changed to NW. Mowing Litt meadow was ended. Some very fine, I mean heavy grass was cut in N. Meadow against the old orch'd. Bates came up this morn'g bringing with him a copy of Maj L. Downing's Letters, but he never turned aside to read it, keeping close to business. Harry Warren worked in our service all day. Either Mason & or Heman Wrisley accomp'd Hopkins in business. Hopkins & J.C. Presho rode to Dr H. Swifts to enquire respecting the colt he was pasturing for us - Reported all well - Spect of July 17 or 18 represented the City as tranquil.

TUESDAY, JULY 22 There was rain within few miles of us during the night, little or none here. Thundered & lightened. More or less cldy, heat of the sun very powerful. Merc stood at 68-80-85-90-78 just aft sunset. Six lds hay drawn in - Litt meadow cleared - yielding 6 lds the pres't season, of which 4 only were taken this day, the other 2 from N. mead N of the orch'd leaving but a small quantity out. Boys all performed well - Persho joining very earnestly after school. Girls bro't up the cows & every one did his part at milking. J. Downing letter of Jun 14 comparing the administration at Washington to himself when a boy in taking elder-bark-tea because he was sick, grew worse - sent for a physician, who informed his mother who had administered the dose, that if the bark had been scraped up it would operate as an emetic, if scraped down would operate as a cathartic. His mother said she scraped it both ways, leaving poor J. in a very bad situation.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 Hot & dry some cooling gusts wd from N. Rain greatly wanted. Ther. 62-1/2-80-85-91-80-76 Three lds hay procured from about the old clay pit & that quarter. Persho very faithful on his part. Brought on the Penny Magazine in which all had a chance to look. Many of the cuts were beautiful & useful. A very coarse gentleman & his lady having child in her arms came in 1 h wagg. selling broom splint mats - the ladies purchased one.

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THURSDAY, JULY 24 Hot, sultry, cldy, signs of rain - Merc 64-80-82-77
 Haying was followed on the flat near the walnut tree - one ld got up - Rode abr'd with my lady - Bo't of J. Ballard 5 rennets - of L. Patchin & Co 32 yds cotton cloth for bandages at 9" pr yd procured some other articles. At the Post O. rec'd letter from J.A. Wight dated Jul 11. Drove down through E. Village - took road to wid. Websters Saw BSquires looking at 3 or 4 hands mowing for him W. side the road. S of the wid's took the old Walbridge road leading up to Cady lane. Perused W's letter on the way, written in the fairest hand I ever saw of his composition - Very interesting - his great Poem appeared to off well at the late Celebration of 4th July at Wmstown - wanted to hear from us all, how we were doing &c &c. Requested me to lend him \$10 in money - this last item made me regret receiving it at so late a day. Called on Mr Barney, or called expecting to see him in regard to coals - he was ffrom home - left some directions with his man. Contin'd down Fuller road to L. Jewett's and there halted a short time - saw their dairyn which app'd very well, in good shape, doing well, Ladies very sociable. Didnt get home quite in season for milking - all done & out of the way. Say we were hailed by old uncle Elijah Fay as we came past his house, now about 87 yrs of age. Anecdotes were the amusement of evening.

FRIDAY, JULY 25 One of the hottest days of this hot season - they seemed to have rain off SW PM much thund- Rain very anxiously wished for. Heat commenced early in the day. Merc 68-80-85-90 94, the last degree held in shade & on hay-mow in the new barn until sometime in the eve'g or say till past sunset & then in the course of the eve'g up to 10 o'clock varied from 84-85-to 80. Wrote hastily to Wight - Gave (that) letter & tendollars in small bills to J.C. Persho with direction to exchange at the Bank & get a single ten which he was to, inclose in sd letter and put the same in the P.O. At night he reported to me that he did so. Young Raymond of Manchester B'k, S.C. his father being from home, saw him do it. Four tons hay were safely got in Walnut flat - W&S of the tree produced handsomely - near new b'd fence turned out lightly. Hopkins went to mill & ret'd with wheat flour about the end of our last yrs supply. Great heat in new barn.

SATURDAY, JULY 26 Contin'd most cruelly hot - wldy - interrupted occasionally by some blasts from N. Thunder heads app'd thunder roared & rumbled at a distance - but scarce a sprinkling was felt here. Merc 69-80- 86-90-94 On large flat rock in open sun 112 ab't 2 o'clock PM $\frac{3}{4}$ past 4 stood at 96 in open field & meadow - 10 in the eve'g 82. Haying E. section of S. meadow - 4 tons in Presho assisted faithfully all day. 17-1/2 tons the product of the pres't weeks labor exclusive of weeds cut in the N. orch'd. Heat very oppressive. Father was up & doing equal to any of the boys in proportion to his strength.

SUNDAY, JULY 27 Fair day, hot, with some mitigating blasts from N. Merc 73-85-89-80-75 Perused Washington Globe respecting Mr Tancy, Bank, P. Office, Departm't &c. Geo, & Adeline went to meeting. Dr Heman Swift came down at night - wanted to return immediately to hear Hon Mr Briggs' address on Temperance. Mr Bates came home in the evening, as also did J.C. Presho accompanied by his friend Fuller - the latter came into the milking y'd - appeared to have pretty

correct judgment respecting cows - talked with me about the Walbridge cows, rightly judging that my bargain must have been a hard one - Looked at Penny Magazine. Just at dark saw the young man who pays his addresses to Miss Sarah Bryant - called - said little or nothing. Sarah had prepared a letter for him, on receipt of which he was off in a trice. Was equipped with umbrella & otherwise very suitably rigged. No other than Mr William B. Adams of Woodford. Evening grew cool finely, had omitted handling cheese on account of weight.

MONDAY, JULY 28 Heat in the main growing much less. Broken clds through which the sun burst forth extremely hot. Some signs of rain, an article in great request. Hay was gathered in the NE section of the S. meadow. That part adjoining the Fay line having been manured last fall turned out well. Four tons were carted in. Boys did finely. J.C. Presho worked for us half a day. Sheldon kept no school this day. Alonzo Hinsdill lost a brother in Troy on Saturday, drowned in the N. river. Hopkins & girls up Street in the eve'g. Dairy looked very discouraging. Mercury stood thus - 59-84 or 85-71.

TUESDAY, JULY 29 Cool m'g, afterwards grew hot until past noon - short thund shower followed - bro't the air to be much more cool - wd N. - seemed to have rained much at the N. over & ABOVE WHAT IT DID HERE. Merc. 59-80-86-73-78-70. Haying prospered as heretofore - one ld got in - mowing confined to W. section of S. meadow. Much doing in dairy room. J.C. Presho I believe had his numbers of P. Magazines bound. Cheese of Jul 27 wghd 84 lbs. B.W. Jackson sent for money. AM't of bill \$9.40

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 Beautifully handsome. Merc. 45-76-81-68-68-62. Five tons hay gathered from the W. side of S. mead - the whole of which was nearly gone over. Attended to business at B.W. Jackson's - pay'g on a/c \$5. - playing flute for young Gulliver. Receiving pr of boots for self & bootees for daughter. Came home accomp'd by T.C. Parsons who raked hay for us PM & helped milk at night. Mr Presho assisted us all day. Father & Hopkins were excellent hands in business this day. Ladies bandaged cheeses which since the weather became cool had become greatly imp'd in appearance. B.R. Sears cut out window gable end new barn.

THURSDAY, JULY 31 S.wd & other indications seemed to promise rain, but hardly dared to indulge the pleasing hope. Four PM there was a real heavy thund. shower attended with hail - ceased before sunset, but after dark commenced again famously. The hail occasioned very considerable damage in certain parts of the town. Great number of panes of glass were broken at Mr Harmon's, Safford Robinson's & some other places. Gardens over which it passed were very nearly ruined - field of oats suffered very severely. Three tons hay gathered principally W. of the barn. Chatfield off in the morning. Dairy seemed of good worth. Cheese of 29th weighed 91 lbs. Late in the evening read interesting account of LaFayette's first conceiving the scheme of coming to America in 1777. Extract from Spark's Washington Papers. Thermometer stood as follows ; 50-72-76-82-68-64.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 Cool, calm foggy morn'g, clds broken, cleared away fair PM or perhaps it was so by turns. Merc. stood at 56-75-78-70-65. Boys finished mowing

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N.meadow - It was not a good hay day. After turning cheese, assisted Father & Hopkins at turning hay. Late PM 1 ton was got in - Presho gave assistance - some performances were made in dairy room. Cheese of July 30 weighed 87 lbs. B.R.Sears happened to pass this way to get timber for gen'l Robinson's people called in the morning & told us of the damage done to Safford R's house, and to other houses and gardens &c.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 Contin'd cool & fine. Merc 58-81-83-69 in eve'g.

Haying was closed with exception of a patch near the SW corner of the S. mead. Accord'g to father's estimation the amt of hay cut the pres't season was set at 58 tons exclusive of a stack of weeds. Geo & Wm Bates contended that it amt'd to 60 tons - weeds out. The quality as a whole was never surpassed on this farm. J.C.P. gave assistance throughout the day - Read Jack Downing in the evening. Mr Bates went home at night, having done us a brave weeks work. The hay gathered this day grew chiefly in the NE quarter of the N.mead.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 Red morn'g, pretty fair. Merc. 58-84-86-69. Wrote Jour'l perused late Spectators - Comstock's School Philosophy - not however to much profit. H.Waters spent the day with his family. G.P., Adeline & Hopkins went to meeting. Lydia & Diadamia rode off together tow'd eve'g. Rain vastly inquired after. Presho spent day with us.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4 Mainly fair with a slight tinge of smoke - some few clds were observed at a distance. Four or five PM a large cloud hung over the W. mountain - hoped it might rain - but it soon scattered away. Merc. stood at 61-84-86-90-75. Pretty hot. Wheat of mean quality having been eaten by the weavle, grew on ab't 2 acres - badly winter killed - Entered by father, Geo P., Bates & Hopkins, cut with sickles & mostly bound up PM - they also commenced cutting oats - Hopkins could not reap much - was sent to Mr Daniels for cradle lent last season - his grandmother rode with him - Bates was partially ill. Presho lent a hand in setting up wheat. Nelson Duncan ret'd the road scraper which he borrowed Jul 4. H.Waters attended to concerns of a personal kind about town - had 1200 ft hemlock lumber bro't from Lyons' mill in Woodford by Billington's team. Much vexed with cheese which seemed to require an unusual application of the press.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 Really hot, great prospect of rain - thundered - thunder heads hovered around mountains - but in a few short hours all vanished away, only causing some smart gusts of wind which served to cool the air a little - all settled down to hot & dry again. Mercury stood at 63-86-90-75-70. Oats all cut - half ton of hay procured from gr'd mentioned on Saturday. Remainder of wheat bound & set up. L.Jewett came up & agreed with Wm Bates to mow for him by the acre - he had now got thru with our business the pres't season - much to our satisfaction.

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Friend Levi seemed to think he had formerly been a person something on the Herculean plan - Never saw a cider press screw turned so far down but that he could start it immediately after the stoutest man, he ever saw handle one, had laid out all his might in so doing on it. I think this was the import of what he said - or perhaps he might have said he was more than a match for any he had ever met with in that way while he retained his youthful vigor - and he thought his bleeding at the lungs was in the first place occasioned by pulling at the screw. Told me he believed he knew who had his cheese in N.Y. City last season - supposed his name was Hooker. J.C.P. reshoe explained the 6 mill'n loan so much talked of in N.Y. $\frac{3}{4}$ Remarks were made on the keen cunning of V. Buren. Hopkins was sent to Pecks - returned with $i/2$ doz rennets. H. Waters returned to Arlington. Diadamia committed a blunder at L. Patchin & Co's which she afterwards went up & saw rectified. Cheese behaved ugly in the press - light & corky.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 Fair, hot, dry & smoky. Merc. 63-90-92- $i/2$ past 3 PM
" $\frac{1}{2}$ LITTLE BEFORE SUNSET & 70. at 10 in the eve'g.

Raking & binding oats was the order of the day. Mr Bates left for Jewett's to mow at 50 cs an acre & boarded. It was this day, & the other men mentioned above somewhere, that John C. came home with the Penny Magazine bound in decent style at 37- $1/2$ cs. There is a handsome Biographical Notice of Sir Walter Scott in it well worth reading - Died Sept 21 1832 I think in his 61st or 62d yr. Preshe went off to bed in a high laugh that an observation that carelessly escaped me respecting Hopkins going to see the Caravan on the 21st inst. Cousin N.L.R. came here & rec'd ab't $1/2$ bbl cider which I made no acct of - letting it go toward doctoring cow by his honored father. See May 31. Cheese contin'd to bother me.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 Excessively hot - smoky - cldy at the N. Ckds kept nearing up. Past 4 PM a very sudden thunder gust arose which seemed to come over Mt Anthony, bearing a little to the S. of E. $\frac{3}{4}$ WIND BLEW MOST FURIOUSLY - hail of the size of a bullet came like shot for a short time - apple trees were blown down - large limbs broken off - rail fences laid prostrate - window glass broken - corn considerably injured - gardens damaged. One of the trees blown up by the roots was an old settler which Peter Harwood my grandfather bro't from Adams, M's being promiscuously chosen from among trees composing a young orchard planted on the farm known by the name of the Esquire Jones Place. Its mate yet remains & they had stood thus about 72 years. Oats which were not cut suffered much. We had a quantity in the sheaf - a part had been stacked, but the fury of the storm was such as to break the stacks asunder. My father, Preshe, Hopkins & self were out during nearly whole of it on acc't of trying at first to secure the grain in the S. Meadow - found ourselves under the necessity of sheltering ourselves for the time being by the side of a stack of oats - or under a pile of sheaves, but the rain soon poured in upon us & WE HAD to quit & claw for the house - The whole affair did not last over $3/4$ of an hour Merc. 67-90-94-70. Had lent the oxen to Mr Brown's people - Geo was gone to bring them home when the shower came up. Drv Swift (Heman) visited Diadamia's youngest child.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 Mostly fair - clfs were seen off to the N. Not very warm. 64-31-83-70. Oats being sunned were all got in - Amounted sheaves of which C's orchard produced 482. Wheat was got up in rather poor plight - amounting to 277 sheaves. Stack of weeds trimmed up. Geo P. was assisted on his way to uncle Sam's where he was going to work next day. On my return halted at F. Blackmer's and enjoyed no small satisfaction in hearing an excellent clarionet performance - stationed in Hinsdill's piazza go through, in a most accurate & distinct manner, many excellent pieces of music. There were pres't Major Aaron Robinson, Aaron D., Capt P. Dewey, Peter Green & others. Died at his residence in E. Village, after a long & painful illness of some years standing, Capt Cyrus Hills in about his 63d year of his age. His death was on the 6th inst - at 1 PM if I am correctly informed - funeral attended this day. He was always so far as my knowledge extends an upright fair man in his dealing - & in health lively & agreeable - very curious & odd in bringing up comparisons. There might be some very good things said of Capt H. by some of his intimates who would be at pains of committing it to paper - but as I was not one of those & my time & want of recollection forbidding it - no more can be added at present - excepting that he came to this town in 1798 - married a fine woman by whom he had 3 sons - Cyrus B., Turner & Cyrus Jun. the last of whom died when about 12 or 14 years of age.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 Sun rose yellow, hazy, wd S. heat very powerful from 10 in the morning until 2 PM - kept growing more overcast - finally 9 in the eve'g rained. Merc. 57-78-86-69 Went to L. Patchin & Co's, got trimmings for fathers cloak which together were forwarded by Hopkins & Mary Butler to Hoosick Falls to be made up by Mrs Ruth Parsons. Dairy looked to - weeds mowed &c &c. G.P. arrived late in the eve'g from uncle Samuel's. Lydia Harwood was this day 43 years of age - slowly improving in spirits & bodily health.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 Comfortably temperate - cldy - wd S. signs of rain. Had rained in the night & early in the morn'g. Merc stood at 62-76-80-72 past 9 eve'g 69. Perused some articles in the Penny Magazine - some in N.Y. Spectator - entered on Jour'l several days of June last. Sylv's Dan's came over in the evening. Hopkins arrived from Hoosick Falls with Mary Butler. A letter from Ellen M. Parsons was rec'd giving an acc't of religious meetings held there of late. Cous Geo & Miss Adeline were at church - heard the preaching of the Minister from Williamstown who was accomp'd by Caleb Brown, wife & daughter.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11 Really hot, some few flying clds - had rained and thundered over night at no great distance from us, but little indeed was showered upon us. Ther. 69-80-90-76. Father & couin G. mowed weeds in the ox-pasture. My main employm't was as usual at dairying. A gentleman from Schoharie County, N.Y. called to exhibit a newly invented cheese press - price \$ 12 - very well made apparently strong - contained several iron wheels - seemingly quite conven't - occ occupied but little space - Didn't buy.

Mr Huntington of the NW part of Bennington called to inspect, & perhaps if he could draw the wool close enough, to buy our dairy - But after a long, serious, honest sort of conversation, all ended in his offering to pay me \$25 earnest money, let the cheese remain until he should call for it, by parcels, when he would pay \$6 pr cwt on delivery. These terms did not disturb me in the least - Doubted not but that I could get a much handsomer price than that - so, nearly noon, he was away, but very soon returned again accomp'd by Caleb Brown who likewise wanted to look at the dairy. His observations were rather loose, nothing indecorous, but merely to keep up conversation - told me I should not be obliged to sell under what I did last year - wanted to know my price - would give as much as any other man for our dairy - Talked up pretty smartly to Huntington as they walked through the big front gate saying he was a cheese monger standing in the market - intending to go the whole hog. Afternoon rode to E. Village with my lady, having business at grist mill & at the store lately owned by Aus B & Co - traded none - saw W.S. Southworth - Came up to L. Patch & Co - bo't a piece unbleached cotton of 32-3/4 yds - sheeting - price have forgotten - & 1 lb tea. Looked at cloth for Hopkins suit - offered at first at \$3 pr yd but at that said he'd take \$2.75 - deferred the purchase to another day - Saw N.L. Robinson on wagg ld hay. Called at Sanf'd & Brown's where Mr Sanford exhibited a handsome piece of woolen cloth which he offered lower than he had ever sold it before, very low at the price - bo't it at N. York of a particular old friend of his - neber had sold it for less than \$3.50 - we might take it at \$3.00 We did not decide, but left it in suspense. Walked over to friend Blackmer's - looked at a hansom piece of indigo blue - Could not take less than \$3.50 pr yd - Neither did we take this - Taking Spectator of Sept 7 & Downingville Advocate with appropriate caricature at its head, came home. Eve'g passed away very agreeably talking with Preshe & the rest on common affairs of life.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 Cruelly hot, cldy, twisting winds at noon, thundered, rec'd small quantity of rain - main part of the shower past off over Pownal. Must guess at height of thermometer in the morning - say 70-80-84-90- & 80 late in the eve'g. Ladies paid close attention to the dairy. I went with Hopkins to Sanf'd & B's - bo't said mixt cloth - 2 yds for \$6 - they professed to deduct something on trimmings but according to prices at other stores I got nothing in that way I got them to say so to keep me from going to L.P. & Co. Canfield the attorney was there at the time - my bill if I rightly recollect amt'd to \$6.50 or thereabouts. Saw Southworth & Brown - the latter asked me if I had fixed on a price to that dairy yet? Answered him rather vaguely I believe. The former too said he meant to do something at cheese, but only on his own acc't - invited him to see ours - What reply he made, do not remember - saw those gent. ride off N. together in 1 h wagg As Hopkins started for E. Village - after driving a few rods below the meeting house - missed the cloth of a vest pattern - returned & inform me of it - & on inquiry found in the hands of Uel Hicks who had picked it up as he walked across the green. Halted at Hinsdill's to look at

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Caraven Bills - they appeared to advantage - Spoke with V.D. Spiegle & others. Spent a few pleas't moments at Canfield's Office, looking at books & in talking with him respecting Bonaparte & his Rus. Cam'n. Came home & devoted a part of the afternoon to writing a letter to cousin Catherine Parmenter, in answer to hers of May 18 - Very warm eve'g - placed our nights curd over a half hhd of water, by which means it was preserved from souring through the night.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 Vastly cooler than on the 12th - broken clds wd N. Therm. 68-76-80-68 Cow yds scraped - manure conveyed into N. Meadow - Ladies busily employed searching cheeses. Sylv W. Daniels rode home Sam H.B.'s Jack from our house. John Norton rec'd nomination, by the Nationals, as candidate for Assembly - Green Blsckmer, by a mongrel party - and some days afterwards Norman Edgerton by the Jackson party. Geo & Hopkins were up Street in the evening - the latter had suit cut by the tailor. Asahel Harwood came up past noon to rectify a mistake committed by his brother miller respecting a bag of corn which was bro't here from the mill - All made right.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14 Calm morning - on the cool order - there were signs of rain. Afternoon grew warmer - Tow'd eve'g much t thund & lightning - showers passed off SW - very little if any rain here Ther. 59-73-77-78-70. Dairy furnished business for the first part of the day. Mostly completed writing to cous. Catherine Parmenter. Going to town fell in company with Dr H. Swift who said much on politicks & a good deal in praise of his grey mare which he proposed selling to me. Perhaps this conversation was held at the Dr's horse barn. Proceeded to Bennington Academy and witnessed Examination in part of Mr D.S. Sheldon's school. Miss Eames answd very ready in Euclid. Fine class in Chemistry, Ann Robinson at its head - pale Semantha next. Mr S. read over compositions by the ladies - all very ably drawn in my humble opinion. The address of Mr S. was very appropriate - full of practical instruction - in some parts affecting - female department was thrown into tears. Prayer by Mr Hooker. Audience very numerous. Saw Capt H. Robinson & Hon. H. Hall who I overheard talking of the fiscal concerns of the town by which it was understood there was a debt against it of \$600. At Sanford & Brown's but yhe last finish to the letter above mentioned. Dr H. Swift lent me J.Q. Adams' intended speech on Deposites - said to be one of the ablest productions of last session. Walking home read speeches deliv'd at a late Whig meeting held in the City of N.Y. Overtaken by Adelinecwho had also attended examination. Lightened sharply while we were milking. The audience at the Academy included many scholars of the 2 other Acad's in town - some strangers were in from other towns. G. in the morn'g assisted the hands of S.H. Brown in raking together oats until about 10 o'clock - Hopkins with him - After that Geo complained of headache - joined Hopkins in angling - caught some handsome brook trout. Grandpa mowed Canada thistles. Cholera in Albany & Troy

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 Flying clds, high unsteady N.W. wd - Some few scuds of rain. People felt sorry they could not have enjoyed more of sd rain - Merc. at 62-76-64- With wife rode to the Pools & saw their dairy which looked very fine. There was a gentleman there with a young lady & little girl about 10 yrs of age on a visit from Hancock, M's - said in that part of the country there was one of the severest storms of wind, hail & rain that had been seen for 30 years. No fruit, very little rye - good grass & corn in those parts. Mr P. seemed determined on getting 7 dolls pr cwt, ready pay for cheese. Came home by Babbett's, Scotts &c - arrived by ab't dark. Cone had visited the Harmon dairy. Geo P. Harwood & J.C. Presho had worked a day a piece for Sam'l H. Brown & Hopkins not all day, at gathering or raking oats - 2 former at 75". Father performed good days work at cutting thistles. Mr Pool's cheeses had not much exceeded 80 lb wt - in these days didnt go higher than 65.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 Fair, few clds excepted - very pleasantly cool - wd N. or NW. Merc. 57-68-71-64. My principal care was given to the usual avocation - dairying - two large stones or rocks which had been wofully in our way many years in the milking yard, were this day by means of powder handsomely blown to atoms so far as to sink their surface below the level of the surrounding earth - holes or cavities were afterwards filled up with small stones & EARTH. A young Irishman executed the drilling part - got through with his task by abt 2 o'clock P.M. Irishman's service to against boys work - I mean that of Geo & Presho at Sam H. Brown's on the 15th. Geo, Presho & Hiram Waters were busy in carrying off fragments which were excellent for walling and bringing in materials for covering over the places lately occupied by rock. T.S. Kent looked on a long time. Near the end of the day Caleb Brown called upon us with the view of purchasing our cheese - being on his return from buying dairies at the N. - say in Danby, Dorset, Rupert, Manchester &c. In order to induce me to sell, shewed me a schedule of owners, quantity sold & prices which did not much exceed \$6 very few instances of giving more. This, however, did not bear very heavily on my mind - felt a little disposed to take \$7 pr hund if paid down without deduction of interest, exclusive of casks for which should expect 50 cs a piece. After some conversation had passed in reference to last year, wherein he was given to understand that he practiced deception on me when he bo't the dairy of 1833, he desired me to say the least I would take for the present years dairy. Replied \$7 with the conditions annexed above. He said he wanted the dairy very much and, by having it this year, to dispose of to the same person, who had had it, 2 years past, could raise it another season 1/4 of a dollar on the hundred felt anxious too to satisfy me - in other words to buy my friendship - told him I didnt think he would give much for that. He offered my price or at least what I had named as the lowest I would take, but would not meet me exactly on the payment - interest must be discounted up to first of January. This would not do - called it no bargain - He turned round his wagg for home - requesting me to write. Will Bates visited us. Geo. Robinson came home from Arlington.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 Cool, cldy, Afternoon had fine steady rain, best seemingly in 6 weeks. Merc. 50-76-84 Geo & Adeline went to meeting - New Minister from N. Adams - not much used to preaching. Perused Moral Philosophy on Lotteries - very good - Looked at Spectator Read J.Q. Adams on Deposites - also what I should call - Good.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18 Cldy m'g, pretty clear PM, cool eve'g. Merc. 50-76-64 Geo., Presho & Hopkins mowed thistles. H. Waters went off to Arlington. Father & self rode up street - the former went to Dr H. Swift to get advice respecting his leg. I called on the President of the Bank to see if money could be had at the B'k. Said, rather reluctantly, could have it. At L. Patchin & Co's saw Dr S. Robinson & old Mr Martin of Shaftsbury. Two ladies were present who reported that capt Upham died at 8 o'clock last eve'g - lived in one of the Hathaway houses in Shirkshire - aged somewhere not far from 70. The first knowledge I ever had of the Upham family was from Lewis, the 2d son at a training held in E. Village in the fall of 1817, if my recollection be correct, near capt Hills - Particulars see in Jourl of 1817 - p. 51. Lewis was accidentally shot by Hiram Wallace in the fall of 182 - and Lyman his brother fell from a load of goods belonging to Wallace on his way from Troy near the top of the hill this side Pittstown meeting house, I believe in the sp'g of 1821, and broke his back - These were all the sons the old gentleman ever raised. Bo't of Lyman P & Co 2 silk flag hdkfs at 5/0 a piece - booked - M.L. Selden was present a part of the time - came home - spent some time in the dairy - after which rode off with my lady - Called at Pecks & rec'd 26 rennets which made up the whole number bo't of him to 50 - at 1/0 York a piece - Came round by John Norton's Awood place & so down to friend Jewett's to learn if they had sold their dairy - said they had, but it was confidential - but it didn't take great force to pry it out of them. To be deliv'd in Troy at \$7 independent of casks which B. furnished himself - payable first of December. He professed to be extremely unwilling to give it - wriggled, twisted & yanked a good deal while making the bargain. Wrote late night.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 Flying clds from NE, most of the day, cool. Merc. 59-76 64. The boys were set to cutting & pulling out willows by the roots at which they pretty well succeeded. I was employed much as usual. Was called on by young Mr Noble who was on his way to Williamstown to be at Commencement. He looked at our dairy which he called good, of course, - at my suggestion said he would make strict enquiry respecting the price & prospect of sales - He had a share in the Harm. Dairy. PM went to see cous N.L. Robinson about going to Troy. Visited the house first - saw uncle Sam'l & girls - took in sack of salt which N.L. had purchased for us some weeks since - came up to the Field place - conversed with N. while he was employed in pitching oat sheaves to his father on waggon - arranged business to have him start for Troy on Thursday - I with father to follow in 1 h wagg on Friday provided I could raise the money - didnt wish to go sooner on acc't of seeing Caravan. On my way home called at F. Blackmer's & rec'd Spectator of last week late date - Got home at sun set.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 Pretty cool, clds came from NE. Merc. 48-74-63. Trembling day for willows in the S. meadow - many were rooted out by violence, while others were laid by the edge of the cruel scythe. About every cheese in the dairy was turned over. Mrs Harwood made a sage cheese, bespoke by Henry Parsons & his brother in law S. Burtis - Its weight afterwards from the press was found to be 83 lbs.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 Cool & cldy from NE - Merc. 54-68 Thermometer not observed closely as usual - most of the family being from home to see the National Menagerie. It was my wish to see the team & waggons as they came into town - but arrived a few moments too late. Geo P. & John C. saw a part of the exhibition. Walking about with the former saw the circus hands preparing to erect their pavillion - saw the elegant omnibus in which the Caravan Band rode as they travelled through the country - viewed very fine horses - fine brass mounted harnesses - saw also the elephants led to water back of Hinsdill's vov'd with elegant blankets, followed by a string of boys eager to see. To be nicely minute is beyond my powers. Witnessed a part of the act of raising the Circus Pavillion - called at Capt P. Dewey's where they treated us with cake & cider and blackberry pie - Grandfather bro't up Mrs Sally & Miss Butler - Adeline was already upon the ground. After due season all hands including Capt Pliny & daughter walked over to the grand pavillion - bo't tickets at 25 cs and through a dense crowd obtained admittance. Here we saw almost everybody & everything. The animals I shall not attempt to describe nor enumerate - In general they were hardly up to what we saw in Oct last - and in point of regulation they did not begin with the company which exhibited here a twelve month since - but as to spaciouness and grandeur the present outstript everything before displayed in this country. In addition to animals I had before seen, was the Rhinoceros and white bear of Greenland. Much pleased with the music - still could not give it up that it equaled that of the "Washington Band" at the same time their performance in presence of the audience was far superior to that of the latter. They had a little catch-penny contrivance attached under the name of "The Museum" where a few wax figures were set up - snaked called "Amanda", song of Jim Crow, &c which I felt no disposition to see - and those generally who gave their York shilling to go there came out disappointed. It is a good deal of satisfaction to me on such an occasion to have an old friend to make remarks to - one who seemingly participates the innocent pleasure the scene may impart to us. I should claim major L. Norton as such. We were together most of the time of exhibition. As to seeing the men go unto the cages of the Lions & Tigers - I so heartily disapproved of the act that I did not care to see it - though it was said to have been done twice that PM. Let me insert a few names of friends seen there - John Norton & Lady & widow Buel, Sam'l Loomis & lady, L. Jewett & lady, Mr Elisha Pool, Harry Warren & lady, Samuel Fay Sen &c. Great many whom I do not recollect. About 4 PM the National Menagerie was cosed & the Circus opened. The concourse was immense beyond all former example from this and adjacent towns - It was computed that there were not less than from 2500 to 3000 persons collected on this occasion. There were but 2 dry goods pedlars who came under my observance and these were tearing their throats & mouths asunder auctioneering three-penny articles in their line.

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The Circus drew to itself a full house - Indeed many were denied admittance during the first performance which held until about 6 o'clock - there was a recess of about 1 hour after which it was opened again & filled to overflowing - even church members joined in the pleasures of the eve'g - Our honest Adeline along with other female companions, being strongly invited by young gentlemen of their acquaintance took seats within the pavillion, bills being paid by these gentlemen. I may mention some of her associates that were with her this evening - Miss Cath Dewey, Miss Samantha Robinson - No, Imistske, they say Miss R. was not of the party - Miss Emily Robinson, Miss Charlotte Mattison & perhaps some one else. Again I am told Miss Samantha did go in along with her brother Charles. The young gentlemen to whose politeness some of the above ladies owed their admittance into the school of morality were Fisk Harmon Wells Martin & Russell Mattison & others. Would add that Miss Nancy Harmon - daughter Austin Jun also attended. The authorities of the town made the National Menagerie pay over a pretty good sum for license to exhibit. I believe some difficulties arose on the subject which as I know but little respecting it, shall pass silently over. The ground chosen for the Gr'd pavillion was a low flat between Ogden's & V.D. Speigle & that chosen for the Circus was exactly in front of the house of Dr Heman Swift, partly covering the green and partly the highway. Saw Mr Huntington, cheese speculator, who took it to heart some to think Caleb Brown had bought the Harmon dairy - news having just arrived by the hand or mouth of Mr Noble. Got a note drawn for \$100 payable to Bennington B'k 3 mo's by U.M. Robinson who lent me his name - which on presentation to the Cashier, was refused to be cashed on account of the great quantity of money in market which it was necessary to redeem, rendering their issues unprofitable, circumstances as they now were. Therefore gave that affair up - so no going to Troy at this juncture. Must not forget to say we saw the elegant horses belonging to the Circus Company while they were feeding in the stable of Dr H. Swift, nor ought we to omit saying that the Circus Band every elegantly executed, or very pretty music.

FRIDAY, AUG. 22d Tolerably fair hot day, very dry. Merc. thus 62-80-58-10 eve'g. Rode to E. Pool's to enquire how they had sold their dairy. Found another private contract - very snug, \$7. at any rate. Noble had to work hard on Brown to bring him to it - effected the bargain much by the previous nibbling of Huntington. After staying awhile to talk, came home - dined & was off again - met Mr Pool who let the cat entirely out of the bag in regard to the dairy bargain with Brown, & there was no faith broken either because Pool was not held to the secret - which was no other than that B. was to pay \$7-1/8 on delivery without discounting interest & to furnish his own casks - to take it away by the middle of September. Mr B. had the generosity to come so far out of his way to inform me for my benefit, so of course thanked him sincerely. Rode to, John Harwood's to enquire when he would work at shoe making at our house. His girl, understood he would come over on Monday next. Coming down the road met Mr A. Harmon who said his dairy was sold, talked over usual topics & parted. Drove to Libeus Barney's - learned that the man of the house was at work on his lower farm, formerly the property of Seth Palmer - continued onward - found him as directed - busy with hands about building fence - said a few words respecting religious notions - made excuses respecting the coals which, would be, when made, first rate - might have them by about the first of October. Came back to B. Green's - turned through bars acrossed down to Burrell's old place - Saw William Bates & agreed with him to build stone wall for us next week.

Proceeded down into the meadow W. of the barn - seeing a tombstone visited it & found an inscription in commemoration of the death of a little girl 4 or 5 yrs of age, in 1821, if I mistake not, daughter of Burrel by his first wife - Crossed the Jewett Brook & came out into the road a few rods S. of J.F. Billing's. Overtook friend L. Jewett this side G. HOUSES - got into my wagg & rode to his house where he was met by Mr Constable Richard Fisk with whom left him in close conversation. Gained home by sunset. Early in the morning we saw the imposing string of wag-gons belonging to the menagerie establishm't. U.M. Robinson was said to have caused an attachment to be laid on a portion of their property in favor of the town just as they were to leave in the morning. Destination, N. Adams, M's

SATURDAY, AUG. 23 Mostly very warm, 52-80-5 PM 88. Cheese attended to as usual. Ditching executed by G.P. Harwood & J.C. Presho. L. Jewett came to look at dairy which estimated to be worth \$7-1/2 or said in his opinion it ought to bring that price. Rode up Street with my lady - saw N.L. Robinson just from Troy - explained to him the cause of my failure on Triy. We did think of going down to Dr Sam's, but gave it up & came home.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 Early it was hot, rained at noon, cooled the air. Ther 62-80-75-62. Geo & Adeline were at church half day only, came home for fear of rain. Wrote much - J.C.P. off. Perused some of Webster's Salem Festival Speech - also looked Moral Philosophy. Cows were baited in little meadow.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25 Fine as ever was seen, Merc. 46-73-54. Walling was carr'd on by father, Geo P., Bates & Hopkins on a part of the line against what was a few years since N. Norton's upper orch'd, NW part. I was busy at old employ't, dairying. Cheese of 23d weighed 80 lbs. Sam'l H. Brown's teams were to begin carrying fluxing from the old House farm to the Furnace - to return with manure from Lyon's tavern in Woodford, at 25th pr ld. Left suit for Hopkins to be made by Betsey Street at Mr B's. Rode to uncle Sam'l Robinson's with my wf - Wishing to see friend Presho who went among his friends at Walbridge's. on invitation our old uncle rode thither with me - made enquiry for friend P. who they said had returned to our house - Uncle S. having done some business with Walbridge, made quick return with me to his house where took supper - then came directly home with my partner - bringing up a part of a bbl of flour sold to mr by cousin N.L. Robinson, arrived here aft dark. Mr John Har'd commenced making shoes here this mg

TUESDAY, AUG. 26 Pleas't & cool. Ther 46-sayn 70 at noon, 70. at night. Drove off in morn'g with intention of procuring tanned calfskins & other leather. Called at Jackson's shoeshop - young Gulliver requested me to play the flute - done. Presently Jay Ballard came in. I introduced yhe enquiry respecting skins. Jackson said I had best go to Hart's, White Creek, & further forwarded money & an order by me, after making up my mind to go for leather. Ballard ssid he'd go with me - so while Jackson prepared his order, Ballard got ready & seated himself beside me on passing his house. Found him very good company on the road rendering the ride quite pleas't & amusing. Arrived at Hart's before noon - Bought a bill of leather at a very good lay which amounted to \$8.92 - paid in full. W. Haswell made call & having some business to do for John Hicks'; and himself being obliged to go to Salem, left it in charge with me. Some part of the leather not quite finished, waited until it was ready. Paid \$3 sent by Jackson on a/c & rec'd the am't of

leather requested in his order, & were ready to leave, mare having been baited in the bargain.

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But the politeness & hospitality of Mr Hart would not suffer us to come away until we had partaken with the hands of an excellent dinner, one article of which was roast turkey. I repented sincerely the next 24 hours having swallowed such a precious meal, for I rested but indifferently at night & was half sick next day - so much for eating turkey. Saw some good books, among others The Family Magazine, on very much such a plan as the Penny Mag. Took a bill as afores'd which would show prices - Soal leather at 23", calf sks at 87-1/2 pr lb. Friend Ballard & myself were mutually rejoiced to ascertain that neither of us were of the Jackson faith in politics. Hicks & Jacksons leather were duly left with the owners. Wall against Norman's land finished as I was informed after getting home.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27 Very pleas't & cool. Therm. 42-73-53-10 in the eve
Wall on the E. side lane below the house against little meadow commenced. Cows were baited in that meadow this morning. Attended to cheese as usual. PM 2 o'clock was off with Hopkins to the old Lieut Safford place with oxen to assist at drawing an ancient building upward of 30 ft square usually appropriated to the business of boiling sap &c. To be removed to the immediate neighborhood of Mr Gilson's new brick house. There were a good many teams, but after I left for town they hitched on, removed it a few rods down into the meadow, could go no farther - it was a total failure & after abusing the cattle to small rate, dismissed & put it over to another day. Saw a drove of cattle moving S., 240 head, fine looking creatures. Passing along a few rods W of S. Weeks' Inn met our friend Eldad Dewey who, after some few remarks, gave me an Antimasonic pamphlet containing the "Masonic oaths, with Notes, to which are added proofs of the character & tendency of Free Masonry." Putting the same in my pocket walked up to F. Blackmer's store where took seat short time - present major Aaron Robinson, capt P. Dewey, & fr'd Frank - something was said on Free Masonry & on the prospects of the various candidates on the day of election. Marched up the hill - saw S.C. Raymond preparing his fine carriage for an airing. Kept along as far as U.M. Robinson's office. Looking over books saw Paines Political Writings comprising "Common Sense", "The Crisis", "Rights of Man" - all very fine Republican works which ought to be read by every friend of freedom in this & in all enlightened countries. David Robinson Jr came in & talked a good deal against Mr Clay for speeches made by him last winter which he denominated as panic speeches - which undermined all confidence in the State Banks & finally led to that dreadful state of suspicion & uncertainty which pervaded the whole country for several months subsequent to the removal of the deposits by President Jackson. I condemned the policy of the gen'l governm't in toto - but it amounted to but little. David said allowing a National B'k to be necessary, it could not be constitutionally estab'd without altering the U.S. Constitution, asked me to point out a single clause authorizing Congress to create a B'k. Shewed me a copy of the instrument & desired me to shew such clause, & to be sure I could not do it. Cous. U.M. drew a \$75 note in due form payable to the B'k of Bennington in 3 mo's which we jointly & severally, got it discounted at the B'k & came home a little after dark.

Had to wait for Raymond & family to return from their ride in big carriage first however. Cous N.L. Robinson came down this eve'g & informed me he would carry me next day to Troy, to meet me at Hinsdill's in the morning. Married this eve'g at Capt James Hicks' Mr Eben Walbridge to Miss Mary Hicks by Rev'd EDWARD W. Hooker - all of this town. Cheese made on the 25th weighed 86 lbs.

THURSDAY, AUG. 28 Cool fine day, would have esteemed it very pleas't had it been less dry. Went to Hinsdill's to wait the arrival of cous N.L. Robinson on his way to Troy. Something was said respecting the price of cheese. H. asked me if I had any to sell at retail. Told him I had but must have 8 cs pr lb for it, tho did not expect to get that for it by the quantity. He believed I would if I could hold on long enough. In his opinion the article was scarce. Played flute at Jackson's shop for Gulliver. Nathan L. arrived past 8 - took me in & accommodated his passenger with a good seat. Drove as far as Haskins' where a short halt was made. Saw Mr D. Richmond of the E. pt of Hoosick with load of wool - sold to be deliv'd in Troy at 50 cs pr lb - felt greatly dissatisfied with the price, thought might have done much better not to have sold until now. Turned off on new Turnpike, came out by the village at Raymer Town. Saw much of the McAdam Road on which there were employed a great many hands - had covered certain parts with pounded stone, but it was all in an unfinished state. On a noble plan, very fine for teams transporting heavy loads after being duly completed. Arrived in Troy by 3 PM $\frac{3}{4}$ unharnessed at Stearns' - visited stove stores - enquired prices - saw Parkers patent, liked it pretty well, considered the price too high, nevertheless Mr Parker felt independent - no competition \$38 or nothing. Returned up street to cous. S. Robinson's - supped - Again sallied forth to see what I could find - enquired for pat. Balances - found several pairs for sale - from \$1.50 down to \$1 pr hundred - cost too much - could not buy - cous. N.L. being in company - called at a flour store - sold for \$5.25. At Brinckerhoff's after much of the Yankee was displayed, bo't tea pot (Britt) & spect. case for \$1.06 Came up to cous. Sam's but slept at Stearns. Must not forget seeing cous. Elisha Waters Jun who asked said his people were all well - I was too busy to call on them.

FRIDAY, AUG. 29 Called at Arnold's in the morning - wrote a letter to Arnold, Leggett & Lapham enquiring how much they would pay for cheese deliv'd in N.Y. or if they should sell it for me what would be their charges? Left said letter in charge with these people to forward by passengers on board Steam Boat. Bargained for 1/2 doz flat shaker brooms to be charged \$1.63 Left them for cous. Nathan to bring out next trip. Went again in quest of stove. Looked at one of Parkers' pattern at a new beginner's store, who appeared to be in want of money - said he would take \$34 for it - suspecting the size might be less than we wanted marched S- entered Cornell's, talked a good while - almost off about buying - at last - leaving out a boiler - bo't Cornell pattern for \$30 - pd on the nail. They pretended to think they had sold low - requested the bargain to be kept private - We complied there with - or promised like it. Cousin N. ~~bo't~~ bo't 50 water melons at 10 cs

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- took 2 bbls wheat flour for me & other loading & left Troy past 9 AM North Riv very low. Walked on foot up through the deep cut in solid rock - McAdam - appeared grand - hill reduced so that when the road shall be finished, heavy loads may be transported upward or say when ascending it can be accomplished with ease. In many places on the lower section of the road it was covered with pounded stone - saw no part entirely finished - Finding the big waggon with cast iron wheels of enormous size & weight - rims from 16 to 18 inches wide - halted a moment to view it - contained a heavy load of stones - sd vehicle seemed designed to press down the pounded stone & render all smooth, solid & firm. In some places the McAdam was cut through a hill, while in others it crossed a valley - the surface of the road being from 12 to 15 & sometimes more feet above the old ground. Came up to Wadsworth's to bait - saw a number of persons in the Bar Room among whom appeared a lusty, greasy, corpulent old tailor drunk as Cloc. Let me mention that men were industriously employed building an additional section of the lower Turnpike running from Haskin's, back of the old Gage house, over to the Mc Adam - which it is to meet at or near Mr Wadsworth's - the latter road was being built on line pretty directly W. through the same gent's meadow. Saw greater signs of drought over the country this side Troy than could be perceived about home - pastures extremely barren - roads unusually dusty. Halted a moment at 4 Corners just at dusk. After getting up into Bennington not far from Esq Hubbell's, was overtaken by I. Doolittle Esq in 1 horse waggon who invited me to ride with him, so I did. He had attended a large Whig meeting in Troy - felt as if the old Hero was running down more rapidly than he ever ran up. Rode rapidly to the street where landed & came home on foot - Cousin Nathan soon followed & tarried with us over night. Miss Harriet Albro was also here - staid all night.

SATURDAY (Sept)

Prospect of rain, wd S., but fair - 29th warm. The

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Thermometer was noticed in my absence - shall be exhibited on some future day. W. Bates completed 32-1/2

rods stone wall built the present week, having rec'd some assistance from father, wages \$1 per day. Cous G. drove to Hoosick Falls, returned with father's cloak which had been completed by Mrs Parsons. Said he talked with Taffit at the store of Cone & Taffit respecting last Spring's cheese - Didn't appear to blame me - thought it would learn him something hereafter. Neighbor Wristley was sick. All the cheeses were turned over, very few weighed under 80 lbs during the pres't month. Harr't Albro contin'd with us. Mr Preshe had assisted us at walling. Cous N. WAS OFF IN THE MORN'g. Mr Lewis Carter with his lady came here on visit

SUNDAY, AUG. 31

Clear & very warm. Merc. 52-80-72. A party to visit the Cave near the N. part of Mount Anthony was made

up consisting of Carter & lady, Will Ault, Preshe, Hopkins Harwood. Harr't Albro, Adeline Harwood & Miss Mary Butler. Those who visited the interior said the thermometer stood at 70. Lydia was much out of health. G.P. Carter, wife & Diadamia were at church - last 3 the AM only. I was fully employed at writing. Ira B. Dewey staid over night here. William Ault left toward eve'g for Hoosick, N.Y.

MONDAY, SEPT. 1 CLdy, dome signs of rain, sprinkled slightly. Merc. 60
70-66. Aug 23"-50-64-54. Aug 29. 42-70-64. Aug 30
60-76-64. Aug 31, 52-80-72. New stove set up in the kitchen - made use
of old pipe. Basswood boards selected for making cheese casks, placed in
the barn, ready at any time for use. Old sleigh & sled put under cover.
Cowpens repaired. H. Waters arrived from Arlington. Frank House had his
leg or a leg broken. Do know exactly the date of that accident.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2 Cldy, foggy morn'g - cleared up hot & dry, Ther. 64, 75
or 80, 670. Recollect but badly affairs at home.
Attended election. Numerous concourse of people. Number of voters con-
siderably exceeded 600. Three candidates up for Rep. to Assembly - John
Norton, Green Blackmer & Norman Edgerton. No choice first balloting -
G.B. had 70, 2d ballott made choice of John Norton to represent the
town, 1834 - 98 majority. Hall for Congress obtained about 100 majority
over J.S. Robinson & J.S. Pettibone in this town. Saw an unusual number
of drunken fellows, szid to be tolerated much at Loomis' Tavern. J.C. Pre
sho who had been to his old home, returned this eve'g & assisted at milk
ing. Old Mr Chandler remarked that he saw but few men of his years at
the meeting. Lent Geo Gilson \$25 which he engaged to return next day.
Paid Reb Colvin \$1.47 in full for sawing - would allow me on a/c but
14 c for butter deliv'd 27th last month when I could have sold almost
any number of lbs at 1/0 - shall recollect this. T.C. Parsons & Son
Orville tarried with us this night.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3 Sultry, dry, Ther 58-90-80-70 - 104 in the sun. Fath-
er, Adeline & Hopkins started off for Stockbridge,
Barrington &c. Borrowed travel'g trunk of Sam H. Brown for them. Attended
to small business up street at F. Blackmer's - saw Capt Hall. Bo't 2 lb
crackers, chd 20 cs & came home. Rec'd company, L. Jewett & lady, saw &
spoke well of our dairy. Friend Levi went with me to see Mr Wrisley who
was sick but getting better. Returned after short stay. L. examined
presses & other affairs - Mrs J. talked with Mrs Harwood on dairying &c
They left just before 12. Geo. & Presho drove ditching S. of the old ~~clay~~
clay pit. Catfield & his son departed to their respective homes - G. Gil
son ret'd the money borrowed yesterday - told of killing geese for Jona
Hunt a few years since - seemed well pleased on account of my lending
him the money.

THURS. SEPT. 4 Cldy, hot, Ther 66-80-90-82-63-10 in the evening.
Heavy shower. Ditching, dairying, burning, dry wil-
lows, the order of the day. Mr Harwood again resumed his seat at shoe-
making. Reynolds Carpenter & his brother in law David Niles called at
noon - dined - viewed water establishment, barns, dairy &c Said some-
thing of buying cheese. S.H. Brown & S.W. Daniels were here in the eve'g.
W. Bates came up from Pownal on a colt which he had recently purchased.
Wanted his pay, which I handed over in full for haying & walling \$22.30

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5 Faint warm, cldy, rainy some few miles to the N.
THUND'd. Shafysvury & Arlington appeared to take
most of the rain. Went over to see the plan of building stone fence by
Ketchum for Sam H. Brown on line N. of the poplars skirting the lane.
Friend Sam being absent, nothing was determined respecting the line -
Came home

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Ditch No very pleasing task was executed in the dairy. Got time to assist the boys at carting off sods from the ditch in the N. meadow & depositing the same in barn yd. The cows were baited in N. Meadow on clover, in these days every morning.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6 Continued warm, but commenced growing cool. Had rained some during the night past, wind N a part of the day. Entered the dairy once more. Warm weather rendered its appearance bad. Some very earnest conversation respecting the situation of some cheeses passed between my fair one & MYSELF. not of the most pleasant kind. Attended to the line mentioned on Friday. Sam'l H. Brown, capt Ketchum & Sylvanus W. Daniels being present. At first some little misunderstanding, misconception, prevailed - but at last it was settled agreeably to both parties much as friend B. Planned it. The boys carted manure into N. meadow, N. part. H. Waters & Rood got home. Sent \$5 to F. Blackmer by the hand of Isaac Allen, also by the same \$4 to Sophia Graves - the former sum to pay borrowed, the latter to pay tailoress in full. Mr J. Harwood went home after finishing a pair of kip skin boots for me. Sylvanus went a cooning in the eve'g. Degrees of Ther. Sep 5 67-80-70 and on the 6th stood at 68-77-70

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 Cldy, very rainy more than half the day. Merc. rose to 58-62-58. Geo P. made the cheese, sour in part. Spent some time in the dairy with my lady - some few hard words were exchanged in allusion to the bad condition of a few cheeses. Afternoon entered records from Jul 22 to Aug 6 inclusive. Weather too wet for going to meeting. John C.P. read Moral Philosophy. No one attended public worship from this house - some individuals of the family perused the Bible & other good books. By mistake commenced entries on the next page before writing down to the bottom of this. We will now fill the space by giving the substance of a letter from my uncle Jonas Harwood.

Parkman, Ohio, Aug. 21 1834

Long time since he had had a letter from me or heard from any of the family. Aunt S. Robinson had written, but nothing concerning us, including father & mother. Wanted me to write all particulars. His brother had been dead 7 years, or about what, previous to his hearing of it & then he got his information from a lady that had removed to that place, who said she was at his house when he died. Two of uncle A's daughters lived in Huron Co. about 80 miles from Parkman. Made enquiry respecting Mrs Waterman - see Jour'l for Oct 1829 when herself & husband came to visit us. Wanted to know if Mr J. House were alive - if so to give him his compliments (respects in the original) as well as all the rest of his friends - living. Complained of a very hot (warm) dry season - potatoes consequently coming in light - Fine corn - 12 feet high - ears growing on it as high as he could reach. Had been unwell by turns for 4 years, but still when able worked on. Had planted 5 or 6 acres corn - 1 of potatoes & done his harvesting - But since then became unwell - supposed by reason of (working in rainy weather) BEING CAUGHT IN A SHOWER. Hoped he should get about again in a few days. Reported my old friend Barnet Dixon to be a wilful Jacksonian - would not hear to his reasoning - nor read any paper excepting on that side of the question - See last page.

MONDAY, SEPT. 8 Warm, cldy, heavy shower P.M. Merc. 58-62-64- Boys scraped yards. Father, Adeline & Hopkins arrived from their visit to friends in Massachusetts. Uncle & aunt Taylor were in as good health as could have been expected. Rode up street with Hopkins. Informed DR H. Swift that mother requested a visit from him - He rode down with Hopkins. At the P. Office saw Gen D. Robinson & others. There came in old pensioner who said he was born in Rhode Island - 85 yrs of age - was a soldier, Revolutionary Pensioner, of the Revolution during the War - took his staff and acted over the maneuvers of the soldier in battle - told over some incidents of his life, but not very intelligibly - information but small, views very narrow. Genl R. stating that his father being a captain in the French War first saw this town on his return from the frontier to Hardwick, M's - made up his resolution to settle here at that time. After being established with his family in this town, a few years, was sent to England accompanied by lawyer Johnson of Connecticut, to assist in settling difficulties between the Colony of N.Y. & the people of the New Hampshire Grants - now called Vermont - taken sick with the small pox and died there. The gen'l said he served as Constable 14 years, Sheriff 23 & Marshall 8 - had resided here 73 years - should be 80 in Nov next - appeared to think Jackson would lose ground in Vermont the last election. Saw at D. Clark's a Vol of the Penny Magazine bound in boards. M.L. Selden said to H. Hall that he presumed he was elected Memb. of Congress from this District. Hon. H. Hall said he would have a qr of beef of us. Called a short time at L Patchin & Co's - coming home engaged to S. Chandler another Qr of beef - in the eve'g wrote Jour'l. Rec'd a very friendly, pretty letter from J.A Wight also 3 copies of his 4th July Poem & 3 other copies by mail.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9 Very warm - calculated for souring milk, curs &c. Some rainy morning & eve'g. Merc. 70-81-66. Cows bailed in meadow. Great day for overhauling cheeses & closing up the dairy room. G.P. & John C. were so employed. Hopkins also had a hand in it. Father cut up old wood - afterwards cut bushes in N. meadow. Wrote a letter to W.E. Brayton, P.M. $\frac{3}{4}$ N. Adams, M's requesting information as to sales ~~of~~ of cheese in that part of the country - prices asked & obtained. Expressed a wish to sell if we could get the worth of the article. Afternoon visited E. Village - got half gallon cider brandy - Jerry Granger present - Edward waited upon a lady who on leaving was unusually complimentary - Jerry noticed it. This lady was a Mrs Paddock living at the old Walbridge place. Capt A. Hyde & McCorbiere came in afterwards - talked chiefly on women. Called at Davis' - bargained a few lb cheese to him. Southworth accomp'd me up to the court house. Visited printing office. Sol Clark appeared to be busy in binding the Vol's of Ed. Cyclopoedia. A shower of wind & rain of short duration came up while I was there. Taled with D. Clark respecting Mr Niles, Editor of Niles' Register and W. Duane editor of the old Aurora newspaper & afterwards with M.L. Selden on old Federal times - In the course of these conversations Matthew Carey, author of the Olive Branch was well spoken of - Before I left Samuel Fay, David Robinson Jun H. Kellogg & N. Weeks came in. Politics of course came up - Mr Fay & D. Robinson appeared not to agree right well. Hard times were spoken of in a joking way. Saw Ira Armstrong. Left letter in the office for Brayton

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT 10 Cool, fly'g clds. Merc. 54-66-58. Yards scraped. Manure carted into N. mead. Apples in yg orch'd that had fallen to the grd were gathered & BROUGHT HOME - more apples grow8g there than had been expected - Presho was with us - aged 21 this day - Adeline rec'd the company of Den'j Robinson, E.B. Burton, Miss L. Burton & Miss Semantha Robinson. They were off shortly. Mother was ill - had Dr Heman to her.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11 Continued cold, quite so in the evening. Merc 48-57-58-43. Yards cleared of stones - bushes cut - ashes bro't from H. Waters. Mr Godfrey & brother in law from Adams called on me & gave some favorable intelligence respecting the price of cheese - Told us he thought ours worth \$7-1/2 at least pr cwt. Adeline was preparing to go to Rupert next day. Dr H. Swift came down in the evening - wrote jour'1 - about these days much was said about selling cheese to Caleb Brown. John C. Presho & Hiram h. Harwood entered the Brick Academy school under Mr Hubbard, Principal. Mr Pedlar Shephardson left this morning - paid his entertainment in goods. We entered into no trade with him

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12 Clear & pleas't - cold wd from NW - Merc 42-56-46 More bushes cut and old - Sold 19 lbs cheese to T. Davis at 7 c - 14-3/4 to D. Clark - the former on book - the latter to apply tow'ds newspaper. At Love's saw John Wright & Sylvanus Danforth of Pownal, Col Merrill, J.S. Robinson, D. Clark & others - Col M. said there would soon be but 2 parties in this state - Bank & Anti Bank. Adeline was carried away by E.B. Burton to Rupert, Vt 9 in the morning. Mrs Fay came on a visit here - waited upon home by her husband in \$60 waggon. Two Irishmen, father & son, staid with us over night - had a very bad looking horse which they ordered pastured.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13 Very fine cold morning, some forty, cool temperate day, cold eve'g, Merc. 36-66-47. Irishman & his son sold us a tablespread of Irish linen for \$2 - out of which was subtracted their entertainment & horsekeeping - 50 cs balance paid in money - Left in the morning - Father & G.P. were very industriously employed in various ways about the farm. Rode off PM with wife to Algiers, called on Elder Haynes on small business. By new road went to uncle S. Robinsons - saw the man at or near Montague's. Aunt Sarah, cousins Emily & Amanda at home. Nathan L., wife & Harr't Albro off to Pownal. Uncle Sam supped with us - Friend Safford came over - I walked with him to his house to see if I could get some rennets - women all from home - Handsome locust tree was blown up by the roots by one of our late gales - nearly dark when we came away. Paid Mitchell 8 c for mending razor handle. (Miss) Mrs Sally Harwood 41 years of age this day.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14 Cool hazy-chilly winds. Merc. 43-75-64. Wrote much. Geo went to meeting - disliked the preaching - too prolix. Presho saw Harry Warren & lady in the woods - the former appeared to be hunting, as we say - the lady at first as he saw them, having the gun in her possession & he the child. Began to be very dry - Rain much wanted.

MONDAY, SEPT. 15 Clear, hot & dry. Merc. 47-78-63. Did business with Beach of North Bennington - agreed to come & lay down inch pipe for us week after next. At the Welling's mill, which is one of the finest in the country, had small grist corn ground. This mill is finished off in fine style and they do business in good fashion. The miller sold flour at \$6 At L. Patchin & Co's transacted some light business. Got 1 G. lamp oil for selves and 1/2 G. for Mrs Hiram Waters on cr at F. Blackmer's. Coming home met Caleb Brown on load of casks going on to cask the Harmon dairy. Asked me if I were ready to sell ours yet or something importing the same - replied I did not feel very anxious to sell at present. In the eve'g Geo P., rode with me out to Harmon's, or I would say, Pools' - Looked into their dairy room - saw Caleb B. employed in packing cheese - Sent in for young Noble to consult with in respect to the bargain between himself, Pool & Harmon on the one part & C. Brown on the other part - found it all understood pretty fairly excepting in the article of interest which was optional with P. & Harmon, but with him positive - must be inclusive. I was not prepared to sell - Drove to Vails - went into John W. V's - had lately returned from a tour to the W far as Niagara Falls which they viewed with gr'd admiration. Cholera prevailed more or less through all the canal country. The drought cut them in the vast western country to an extent unknown here. Felt well braced in holding on to the dairy - presuming the supply must be vastly diminished by drought. Got home past 9 - wrote J1 before going to bed.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16 Fair, hot. Merc. 48-81-64. Walling was carried on by the side of the old Dry Brook. Mr Noble came to me with a message from Caleb Brown that he would pay me \$7-1/8 for our cheese, pay for casks as usual, to proceed in the usual manner. I was much puzzled - consulted with father & Geo P. who leaned against the contract or say against selling at this time - took us a long time to decide - but at last after detaining him from morning until past 1 PM (when) he was dismissed with a flat denial, though Brown had told him to say to me he would ask no interest on paym't & besides giving me \$10 to bind the bargain. Visited the street in the evening. I took none of his money, but perhaps at last was bound in a manner that was more complete than to do so. It had been such a profound puzzle to me to know what to do, that I asked advice of friends. Dr N. Swift & F. Blackmer, after having rec'd a letter from W. E. Brayton Esq enclosing a list of the highest sales made in that vicinity, from which it appeared that they had gone from a little over 7 up to \$8-1/3 - the last being that of Israel Cole - so they concluded I would do well to accept of Brown's offer. Therefore wrote him that he could have it up to the first of Oct - to pay without discount \$7-1/8 on delivery and 50 cs a piece for cask requested an immediate reply in regard to all particulars.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17 Warm, wd S, cldy, dry, rain wanted. Cows drying up. E. division of corn is cut up. Geo P. went to Arlington in 1 h wagg. Attended the County Temperance Society meeting held at that place in the Episcopalian Church where Mr Ed W Hooker of this place deliv'd a fine Address. Judge Burton

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came down from (Arlington) Rupert, attended said meeting & read a report to the same. With that gentleman Miss Adeline in 2 horse wagg. A long jointed Minister of the Gospel rode on the same seat, by whose awkward position she was often nearly on the point of being thrown headlong over the side of the vehicle. That man's name was Wilson of West Rupert. They came through Sandgate over a very rough road winding over & through or between high mountains & high hills. George returned after dark accompanied by Adeline, having spent the time very agreeably. Adeline saw Gustavus Southworth at Arlington who talked over former transactions here while he kept school in our District. A son of Judge B. came with his father to Arlington.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18 Cldy, very faint warm, wd S. Merc. 70-84-71. State of the thermometer for 17th 48-72-68 - This day the fog being low on mountains rain was expected in some quantities, but we were blessed with a very scant supply - scarcely worth naming. Corn cut up & set up by selves & Geo. Mr John Harwood (renewed) resumed his seat here at shoemaking this morning. No letter from Caleb Brown. Cous. N.L. Robinson came up in the eve'g, borrowed 2-1/2 bbls rye which he calculated to sow. Wid. Geo Robinson & daughter Rosina visited here on the 17th.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19 Cldy, foggy on mountains - some little matter of rains but of no importance this thirsty parched portion of the globe - wd S- Merc. 63-78-68. Digging potatoes E. of the lane made the chief employment. Sylvanus W. Daniels fixed his boots in the eve'g. This PM attended the funeral of Mrs Fanny amiable consort of Lyman Patchin Esq who departed this life on Wednesday last at 1 o'clock afternoon. She was a fine Christian lady of every exemplary behaviour, kind to the poor, always ready to relieve the sick & ever prompt to do whatever good it was in her power to do. There were a great many people at this funeral.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20 Very fair & warm. Merc. stood at 63-78-68. Potatoes all dug E of the lane in S. meadow - light yield - estimated at bbls. I was off to Doolittle's mill - had 8 bbls rye grd 2 bolted. Looked over Chateaubriand's Memoirs in N.Y. Spect., curious & entertaining. Hiram Waters & Buck of Arlington came to keep Sunday here

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21 Fair & pleas. Merc. stood at 50-80-67. Busily employed in writing up the Journal which instead of being 60 days in rear was left off at a very recent date. Cast now & then a little bit of reflection on the transaction of Tuesday last. Not much time to read. Father, Geo., Hopkins, Adeline & friend Preshe were at church - heard Minister from the W. begging on acc't of a Seminary of young men in one of the new states which lacked funds for going on in instructing those young lads to be teachers to enable them to set up schools in opposition to the Catholic faith in the Valley of the Mississippi - now spreading rapidly in that quarter. Cows drying up - Cheeses growing less. Rec'd visit from Mr Godfrey, his friend Ensign, & another young man. They came to see the dairy - the former was stiff for holding on.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22 Cool & hazy - Merc 52-76 Went to the P.O. early in the day - found a letter there from Arnolds, Leggett & Lapham - stating that they had rec'd mine of Aug. 30 - since which had been sickly - not much doing in cheese. But lately business had improved - general price of large cheese from 7-1/2 to 8 cs - and supposed said prices might go a little higher, but it would not be safe to calculate on much advance from these. Good family butter was worth from 16 to 18 cs - If it should be my wish to send down my cheese, would sell it as well as they could for my interest. Wrote another line to C. Brown limiting him to 12 days in making up his mind in regard to my cheese - mentioned having had a better offer than his for it - but yet should prefer selling to him. This was no lie - I had rec'd one from a certain person whose name I need not mention. After returning home worked in the dairy - Some time afternoon rode to uncle S. Robinson's - saw cous. Nath L., who talked of going to the River on the morrow - sent money - 50 cs - by him to buy iron to make bolts or spikes for making fast eavespouts to the new barn. He contemplated making a trip to New Jersey would of course visit N. York - told him to transact some business there for me. Cous. N. after supper & after I had paid a short visit to his mother came up into the Street with me. I got here after dark. Spent the eve'g principally in writing - brought all up fair & square to the present moment, which had not been the case, if I am correct, since last April

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23 Cool, cldy - rainy in a small degree early in the day & there was a short shower in the evening. The thermometer was observed, but the degrees were not noted down - Would say 56 in the m'g 76 past noon, if my memory be correct, . Potatoes below the house in part dug. See May 14. 152 cheeses measured & put on record preparatory to getting casks made. Wrote most of a long letter to J. A. Wight.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24 Cool, some cldy, hazy. Merc. 50-64-55. Continued digging potatoes. Geo. P. was sent off with bass stuff to Fuller's to make ch casks. Rec'd letter from Caleb Brown Esq dated Sept 20 1834 at N.Y. - Had rec'd mine of the 16th & fully complied with my terms - confirmed the bargain - significantly saying - the cheese is mine. Requested us to send no unsound cheeses - would take it from the 10th to the 15th Oct. Sickly yet in the City. Our ladies were visited PM by Mrs Kent, Mrs Warren with babe, Mrs Ensign & little boy & Mrs Wrisley. N. L. Robinson & wife started for N. Jersey. The potato patch described May 12th was on Monday sown with rye, harr'd & rolled.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25 Pretty fair, S. wd blew up fresh - tried to think we should get rain soon - an article in great request in this part of the world. Merc. stood thus - 46-76-66. Nearly closed the business of digging potatoes - of which 100 were the produce of the patch E. of the dairy house. Mr Adams of E. Village called to buy a cheese - replied or said to him we felt as if we were not at liberty to sell, since the dairy was contracted to Mr B. but he appeared to think otherwise - and finally we consented if he would take some one too small to cask - he might take it - after trying - none would suit - so we sent him to Loomis'

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J.C.Presho ret'd from visiting friends down by Walbridges'..Opened Wights letter which had not gone on acc't of the stage not coming this way - to insert cheese bargain.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26 Very fine & fair - wind mostly N- Merc. 44-80-68-60. After 10 AM no more potatoes to dig - yielded well for the season. Stored a goodly quantity in the barn for feeding cattle. PM the ditch for additional aqueduct leading to the fountain at the foot of "The Rocks" was dug. Evening was pleasantly talked & read away - by Geo., Presho & the rest of the family. Elihu Wright visited us a short in the early part. Mrs Weisley & Miss Lydia Searls pd respects to us while we were at work in the dairy. This morning sent off my letter to J.A.Wight - giving him liberty to keep the money which I lent him on the 25th July until he should visit us. This evening rec'd a letter from him dated Lanesboro, M's, Sept 24th enclosing said ten dollars, adding he should pay interest the first time of seeing me - would be here the latter part of October - wished the Term was out. Had rec'd fine letter from Job Olin, altogether the best he had ever rec'd from him. Desired me to send him a line, when I got his, that I might put him at rest, or he might have (the) as much hypo as I did on sim'r occasion. Mr J. Harwood bro't his job of shoe-making to a close - am't of which bill, including what he did for Geo P., Presho & S.W. Daniels \$7.95 - Deduct'g \$1 pd by Geo & cake shaving soap left due \$6.87 See Aug. 25

SATURDAY, (AUG) Pretty clear, very warm, wd SW Appearances warranted
SEPT. 27 the expectation of rain - clds gath'd N. & NW. Merc. 54-78-68. Dairy kept me during AM - PM visited E. Village - at J. Norton & Co's store - slaughter of Elder Haynes - Gore was there - I proposed something in relation to the minister we keep with our cows - he took it up that I would make a mixt up bargain with him - the latter offered a joke at which the former was so offended that he exclaimed with a very great oath that he would have nothing to do with it - The old bull should never be butchered at that slaughter. I cared nothing about it, so after staying some longer at the store & seeing Arch'd Duncan who said he had just attended a court in Woodford as a witness - started off for Lyons' in that famous town. Overtook a footman half a mile this side the furnace - invited him to ride with me - he did so - found him very sociable. Some years since purchased a fine span of horses which he took from Poughkeepsie to N. York & sold for \$600. It was his first offer - and the gentleman gave him a chance to do better previous to closing the bargain & after trying 2 days found he could not by \$25. This man said his name was Perry - son of gen. Perry the other side of the G. Mountain. - lately deceased. - Had lived in various parts of the Union - appeared to be pretty extensively acquainted with the business part of community - now 55 years of age drawn up badly with Rheumatism. At Lyons' halted - my friend requested me to drink with him - I declined in as handsome manner as I knew how. Lyon was from home - left information with the barkeeper that we had a minister for sale.

On my way down met cous. Ira B. Dewey with whom conversed long enough to be satisfied that he was assured in his own mind of well doing at teaming with 4 horses. Had 1d of ore of say 2 tons. Had heard nothing from his relatives in Hopkinton in a long time. Called again at J. Norton & Co's store - saw a petition for a new Bank to be located in that Village - to which was appended a long string of names - Not seeing the necessity of the institution, would not sign - Isaac Cole was also there - neither did he for like reason sign. Rode to L.P. & Co's - pretty full of people - Stephen Robinson & W. Haswell, amongst others - Had a newspaper - called the Emancipator - enclosed in wrapper and superscribed, J. Ambrose Wight, Lanesboro, Massachusetts, which by arrangement of numerical figures was to give notice of having rec'd \$10 as mentioned on Friday - put the same in the Office - Before leaving store inspected accounts there, which not being all made out in full up to this date, ordered it to be done on Monday next. The amt up to Aug 18 exceeded \$90 - At Sanford & Browns' they made up their bill to \$13.49. F. Blackmer not quite ready - should attend to it on Monday next. Evening, after getting home, too drowsy to read or write. Geo P. made it his business accomp'd by Hopkins to get home 28 cheese casks from Dan'l Fuller's - their stuff furnished by us just about held out sufficient for the job. Fearing it might be otherwise G. carried over 6 boards of basswood this morning, 5 of which were left there in store for another day. Hopkins went to see Beach of N. Bennington but could not - shop locked - of course gone from home. Father & John C. dug stone PM up beyond the Red Gate. Ben Sears came down at noon with wife & baby - two fir eavestroughs in the rough were bro't on from Woodford.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28 Chilly, bordering on the gloomy - rained very sparingly indeed in the morning - more or less cldy all day. Merc. 49-56-54. Geo & Adeline went to meeting - the latter this day became 18 years of age. I looked in Comstock's School Philosophy - wrote Jour'l, perused N.Y. Spectator &c. J.C.P. kept pretty busy reading, most of the day, and among the rest finished reading The American Magazine of Useful Knowledge published for Sept 1834 at Boston, M's. I saw some articles in it which I liked. "Fair Mount" water works for supplying the City of Philadelphia with water - and description Niagara Falls

MONDAY, SEPT 29 Cold, high NW wd throughout the day - mostly clear. Merc. stood at 38-50-40-8 in the evening. On Saturday forgot to mention seeing Mr Tyler, of Pownal, under Hinsdill's horse shed, who seemed to be instructed to buy our dairy if it was unsold - I told him my destiny was now fixed - that if ever so great a price were offered it could not be had. Informed him that if Brayton had written me that Smith wanted it - should have held on longer - but there being no sort of encouragement held out - & even B. stating that S. did not want it constituted an additional reason for closing with Brown - Some remarks were made in regard to him which it is of no use to sketch. This Mr T. stands as we may conclude as a sort of "Friday" to Smith & Brayton - Aug 12 1833. Father & Geo resumed the wall about which they were employed on the 16th inst - some repairs were found necessary to the stone boat - She was turned up on one side - Geo undertook to drive through her bottom a broken pin - I stood opposite to steady it by hold

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ing a billet of wood firmly against it & as the thing was driven out, it hit my left hand in such manner as to lame it without fracturing the skin - became swollen, cold & painful. PM to get rest, held it near the hot stove - applied camphor dissolved in spirits. Attended to little else than looking over newspapers & some of my old Journals. Found that Lewis Upham was killed by Wallace Nov 15 1823 - accidentally. The NW wind played harshly upon us - bro't on severe frost at night. Sam'l H. Brown rec'd a drove of cattle - 116 h'd - to keep over night - which he let into his Faynmeadow. Immediately repaired line fence - had cattle watched all night at expense of the drover, by Elihu Wright & Sylvanus W. Daniels at \$1 a piece. Mr Willis Strickland appeared to be the Foreman - aided by a young man & a lad by the name of Phelps - cousins, as we were told, all slept here. Mr S. complained of illness - went to bed early, after taking a bowl of scalded milk in which he crumbed a small quantity of bread. They had very bad luck the 2nd day after starting with their drove - Came to a certain place where some children suddenly sallying forth near the summit of a hill, when those forward took fright & pressed back upon those in rear making an effort to retreat forthwith, but the men succeeded in turning them and were likely to effect a passage - when again the front wheeled round like wild beasts, turned upon their pursuers and down the hill they went like a torrent - bearing away everything before them - even their fellows were crowded so hard, that is, the road was so choked up - so cramm'd, they were so huddled that some leaped a high stone fence while others were almost literally tossed over the same - I need not attempt further description - In spite of every effort, they were obliged to run back nearly 3 miles before they could head this precious horde of domestic animals - notwithstanding the assistance of a number of active men who volunteered their services. This fright had much an unhappy impression on the imagination of these poor creatures that had ever since been quite unmanageable. Collected said drove in the vicinity of Benson, N. Granville & thereabouts - destined to Hartford & Wethersfield, C't. Mr S. belonged to some town in the SE part of Berkshire Co. Young Phelps said his residence was in Windsor, C't. the other did not state where he belonged. They said dairies had sold low in their section - \$6 at 1 month old. S.H. Brown came over a little while in the evening - mentioned the death of Townsend McCoun & that of Mr Rankin, both eminent merchants in the City of Troy - the former of long standing - had arrived at an advanced age - say 70. The latter was not far from 40. S.W.D. & Elihu were also here forep't eve'g.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30 Long will it be remembered for its cold frosty morning, thermometer being down to 26 - noon 66 - sunset 56. Our drovers were up early - uneasy - but finally concluded on staying to breakfast - after which, paying for 5 meals and 3 lodgings, 87-1/2 - were away like men. Mr S. continued feeling out of health & perhaps dissatisfied with his venture - Paid bill of about \$8. to S.H.B & the watchers.

Would just state that what rendered necessary the watching was a field of buckwheat at the S. and a patch of potatoes at the N. end near the barn. Buckwh'tn nearly spoiled by rain. hail. The wall was prosecuted slowly again - I assisted PM - Mary Butler's sister Ellen from Hoosick Falls came over about noon - Taking Mary with her left late in the day. Paid Miss Mary B. by the hand of my wife \$1 Manchester money tow'd hire

Geo., Adeline & Hopkins attended Ballard's School exhibition this eve'g - they spoke of it as something flat in many respects. J.C. Prescho appeared to feel rather low spirited - went to bed pretty early. Friend S.H.B. had 5 cs a head for pasturing those cattle. I enjoyed the early part of the eve'g reading J.A. Wight's Fourth July Poem, in which found many beauties - a second perusal would probably unfold still more. Our cheeses, since the first of the month, had dwindled down a good deal, but not so low as might have been expected from the snug continuation of the Drought - weighed now from 64 to 69 lbs - Cows all in good condition with the exception of 2 or 3, some of which had the hoof ail.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 There was a fine rain from SW which held up before night - wind blew pretty stoutly all the eve'g from SW - Ther. in the morn 56-60, aft dark 71. Casks were weighed & about 102 cheeses casked in 19 casks - Geo P. & J.C. Prescho performed principally at this - many of the casks were too large - Father assorted potatoes in the new barn. Mr Searls came up & saw us cask cheese awhile. The first part of the dairy fitted the casks very snugly - Late in the eve'g Elihu Wright & S.W. Daniels came over & stated that they had attended Ballard's School Exhibition in the meeting house - which they said went off well - Drank some cider & went home. Our boys put up 5 casks cheese in the eve'g. Hopkins staid at home - said to have the mumps - Weather grew warm in the evening.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 Warm early - rainy too after breakfast - remained cldy to the end of the day. The rain was not of long duration. Merc. 73 - not much above that at noon - say 76 - & 64 at sunset - 60 after dark. Geo drove off in the morning with Prescho and Hopkins up street - left them to their studies - executed many errands of small am't - procured Doolittle's balances - returned - assisted in weighing those casks of cheese put up last evening the aggregate of whose weight was 7996 lbs - Proceeded afterwards to put up 7 casks more but it was not designed to forward any more than 6 at this time to C. Brown. John G. gave assistance in the evening. Geo rode up with Hopkins to, attend Historical Lecture by Mr Goodell. The Lecturer came home with them - to whom had the pleasure of being introduced. Near the close of the day Mrs Montague came down with her sisters-in-law, Mrs Theodosia Phelps & Miss Rachel Montague - Mrs P. had her youngest daughter with her - Mary Jane - aged about 9 years - or say 7. We were well pleased at seeing these people. The opportunity was brief - but much talk ensued of course.

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Mrs P. SAID HER HUSBAND CAME WITH HER & talked some of coming here, but it seems he let it go for talk only. They calculated on going home by Salem, N.Y., Schuylersville &c. Left about dark - Mrs P. said she had 5 children living. Uncle S. Robinson bro't down aunt Sarah at noon - took bread & milk with us - saw 1 or 2 casks cheese weighed & were away.

FRIDAY, OCT. 3 Cloudy, cool wd - from N. Merc. 57-60-59. $\frac{1}{2}$ Six casks more of cheese were weighed in the morning, which being added to the bill made it up to 10,077 lbs. Potatoes were bro't from the barn & stored in the cellar - making the quantity assorted am't to 110 bbls. Apples in the young orch'd were gathered by father & G.P. I entered figures on cheese bill - busied much about cheese presses. PM went to E. Village - put in the hands of John Norton Esq \$2.45 Insurance tax payable at Montpelier on my Premium Note of \$97.88. Talked with my friend on Politicks - Jacksonism going down - Shewed me in the Journal of Commerce extracts from papers which now are devoted to the cause of the Hero, but at the time of his first being set up for the Presidency, were opposed to him, were inserted to shew inconsistency - those paragraphs contained the true character of the man as he has fully proved to the world since his elevation to the chair of state. The ragged huntsman Harrington and some other strange looking fellow wanted to buy powder. My friend shewed them some at 4/6 which after examination they refused to purchase - and they were off. N. Blackmer called - something more was said respecting the new Bank in contemplation - Bennington B'k was illy spoken of. Ret'd b'zillances to the mill whence they were borrowed. Came up to the P. Office - rec'd reply to my 2d letter to C. Brown - bargain re-confirmed - sickly yet in N. York - well himself - dated Sept 25th. Saw Mr Goodell, who left this morning after breakfast, said he would meet cous. G. tomorrow morn'g at Hinsdill's at 7 o'clock for Cambridge, N.Y. Also saw another man who wanted \$20 in money for a few days - could, no how, accommodate him. At F. Blackmer's rec'd for H. Waters lady 1/2 gall molasses & my hand book, by which learned that there was due the store about \$43. Reached home just after dark. Mary Butler was bro't over from Hoosick Falls by her sister Ellen, but not to remain longer in our employment, it being determined on in their family that they must pull up stakes & go to the W. 30 miles beyond Utica. She appeared to be fond of staying with us & we should have been well pleased to have had her done so, but as is natural, her parents insisted on her going with them. So I settled off with her & paid in full for 11 weeks house work at \$1 pr wk \$8.80. Rode away at about 2 PM with a sort of understanding that she would work for us next season if I would be at pains to get her from such a distance. Aunt Sarah was waited upon up Street by Lydia & Diademia this PM in waggon.

In E. Village saw W. J. Duncan who handed me a letter to put in the Post Office - directed to John P. Staunton of some town W. pt of N. Y. State.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 Very rainy & of course most pleasing to farmers.

Thermom from 57 to 60. No unusual business going on at home. Shed loft put in order for storing new corn in the ear. Old corn on hand might be estimated at 10 or 11 bbls. Read Address of Whig Conven'n of Utica assembled there on the 10th & 11th ult. - many truths in it, well drawn up but not strong enough I fear to get down the Jackson party in that state. Geo P. Harwood waited upon his friend Mr Montgomery S. Goodell by way of Benning's Battle Gr'd to Cambridge White meeting house, Washington Co., N. Y., We furnished horse & wagg & rec'd pay \$1.37-1/2. G^d had a pretty wet day, called & viewed battle gr'd along with his fri'd who was very curious & inquisitive in regard to the affair - Many particulars were gathered from a Mr Clark residing on a farm forming a part of all the lower battle gr'd. After G. got home in the eve'g father related over as near as he could recollect the adventures of my grandfather on that day & many more circumstances connected with that portion of our history. Be it remembered that Peter Harwood, my venerable grandfather rec'd a wound from a musket ball which entered his right thigh about 6 inches above the knee, just missing the bone, passing out in rear, confirming the fact that he was facing the enemy at that moment. As to the fact, of which thigh it was that was wounded, my parents could not distinctly recollect. While the good man was living I often attentively listened to the account which he used to give of the part he took in the important events of that memorable day - but never thought of enquiring into the minutia about which I am at this time trying to get information. My sister Lydia used to be as highly entertained as ever I was in hearing him repeat the story in his animated, but unvarnished manner & she is very positive that according to the best of her recollection he described it as I have set it down. At first he thought someone had hit him with a prodigious great club, & that, not by the enemy, but by our own party. However he was soon undeceived & hastened off with assistance of a fellow militia-man, from the field as well as he could - arriving at his own house late in the eve'g. Perhaps I may on some future day undertake more of this. See Oct 4 1837. Sold to S. W. Daniels this morn'g a small red cow for 13 dollars, payable, after deducting what was due him for keeping bull last winter, on the first of March 1835. Had her of S. D. Walbridge on the 4th of last March - 4 yrs old - bright red - handsome - very light milker - had but 3 good tests See 4th Mar. Sylv's father came with him & drove her off intending to beef her. See April 26 1834. See Oct 4 1837 Read some articles in the Penny Magaz'e, among which was a very interesting account of the progress made in excavating the Thames Tunnel - continued to Jan'y 1828.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 Cold, chilly, high NW wind, gloomy, cldy. Merc. 50-56-43

Neglected the usual practice of fixing up, as we call it, & indulged the fancy in reading newspaper politicks, some pieces in the P. Mag. & in writing Jour'l. Geo. & Adeline rode to church. Mrs Wrisley had a seat with them. John C. amused himself with books, particularly with Pol's "Course of Time". Hopkins gave himself up to plaything far below his years, nor could I get a book into his hands, except by the most positive command, and then it was soon laid aside.

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Rec'd visits from cous. I.B.Dewey, B.R.Sears & lady & Mr Buck, joiner. All doing well. Among other books examined Revolutions in Europe, giving a historical sketch of the progress of the Reform Bill in England which its friends finally carried after a struggle of 40 years or so.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 Frosty morning - fine, clear day - w'd N. - Merc. 34-64-53. Cleared the young orch'd of fruit - waggon box held all of it, excepting some few bushels for winter & drying. PM got in corn in the bundle. Sold little more than 40 gallons old cider to Jonas F. Billings for which rec'd money in hand at the rate of \$1.50 pr bbl. Rode up street in the evening - visited many houses to enquire if they wished to engage beef for winter's supply? Most of them thought they would have some - scarcely any were positive on the subject. Those to whom we applied were, as near as I can recollect, A. Canfield, S.C. Raymond, Jesse Loomis Jun., David Love, John S. Robinson and perhaps someone else. Ira B. Dewey appeared to have law troubles to lay before our good friend J.S. Rob. On our return staid a few moments at Hinsdill to hear a raw band of music perform - most of whom belonged to E. Vill. Ordered a letter to the P.O. this morning directed to C. Brown Esq comprising a bill of the cheese in full. Entered by J.C.P. Mrs Wrisley washed for Mrs S. Harwood.

TUESDAY, OCT. & 7 Chilly, hazy, cldy - strong S. wind. S. Meadow cleared of corn. Main part of the day devoted to husking by G.P. & self. Father visited his cousins at the N. part of the town - went to N. Bennington - had small grist of corn gr'd for Wrisley. Visited our friend Asa Doty & family, whom he found in health - came home about dark. Let me not forget to note thar he saw Mr L. Beach's brother who said the pipe would be in readiness soon - should bring it on the gr'd day after tomorrow. Left a line from me to him directing to have inch pipe as talked of below between him & me. On the 6th Adeline & her mother traded at L. Patchin & Co's - drove to uncle S. Robinson's & ret'd with Miss Harr't Albro who was rather out of health. Believe there was no frost this morning. Merc. stood at 38-66-64-59. Very drowsy in the evening, much against the desire I felt for reading.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 Cldy - rainy in the morning - wd SW - Merc 56-66-60
The order of the day was husking corn. Cows baited first time this season in S. Meadow. Grist new corn shelled at night ready to send to mill. Deac Dimmick paid \$9.77 for cheese - at 7-1/8 doll's pr hund'd which had contracted for in Aug if I rightly recollect the remainder of which he now took away. H. Waters & R. Buck were here in the evening. Wrote line for the former to Hymen Tuttle directing him to make a superb jointer for one of his hands for which he would pay him first rate pay. Deac D. spoke of 2 good cows he would most likely have for sale next spring, and would give me the first chance to buy.

THURSDAY, OCT. 9 Rainy again in the morn'g, cont'd cldy all day.
Rained a shower at night. Wind had been SW & turned round very suddenly to NW - Merc. 61-64-68. - stood at the last number of degrees at sunset - by the end of 2 hours was down to 46.

Sylvanus W. Daniels came here this eve'g in his red lumber waggon, drawn by the mare & gelden which he bo't of us in the fall of 1830. Told me he should go W. to visit his brother, Orin - so I put in his hands 2 notes of hand against him - the one dated Dec 24 1832 - for \$17.73, the other dated November 22 1833 for \$22.75, to see if anything might be collected thereon. Instructed him to get the full am't if possible, but before proceeding farther let me state there was an endorsement of \$11 dated Jan 19 1834 on the small note - which reduced the present amount of both notes collectively, interest included up to a period near at hand, to \$32.30. however if his brother's circumstances were cramped, would take up with \$30 only if paid down - would resign up the obligations to him forever for that sum. Did not take a rec't for these, made charge of them, specifying sums & dates, to S.W. Daniels, in our day book. Furthermore told Sylvanus that if Orin could pay only a part, to have him take up the old & give new note for the remainder - See dates above referred to in Jour'l. G.P. Harwood & J.C. Prescho rode away together - to Doolittle's mill with 4 bbls rye for cows - & to Lton's Inn & to the Furnace Gr'd, conditionally bargaining away the quarters of our minister to Lyon & to Geo Gilson, excepting that which was allotted to S. Chandler. Hiram Waters early shaped his course for Arlington.

FRIDAY, (THURSDAY) Cold, raw, chilly - broken clds - really fallish -
 OCT. 10 Merc 36-32-50-41. Wind NW - Order of the day much the same again. William Bates came to see us - said his brother Newton was lately married to Miss Abigail, daughter of William Getty, all of Pownal. Mr J. Ambrose Wight arrived from a visit to his friends, or say relatives, of Jamaica, Long Island, N.Y., whom he found, including his mother, in usual health. Visited City of N.Y. $\frac{3}{4}$ Bo' bought some more books there. Cous N.L. Robinson, who also went with his lady, had been down the Hudson to the City & a place in Jersey 20 or 30 miles further; accomp'd by his brother-in-law Albro passed a short time with us very agreeably this day. Walked the streets of the City enough to amount to many miles - made enquiry of Arnold, Leggett & Lapham respecting the price of cheese - best kind generally commanded 8 c and so down from that according to quality. Spoke for money on hire - could give no definite reply. Harr't Albro went home with him. Read a few columns of N.Y. Spect. electioneering matter - mostly relating to the Utica Convention doings - some of it pretty good. This was a part of my evening employment. Snowed triflingly this morning - mountains in all directions above a certain elevation were powdered slightly - Trees of the forest were now turned of various colors - mostly yellow - some among them were yet green. Add 1 bbl old cider to Henry Norton, on acc't for \$1.50 toward blacksmithing. On the 6th., no, on the 9th inst. the Jackass lately the property of Sam'l H. Brown, was driven off by consent of the owner who exchanged him away for a Patent Right to manufacture the newly invented Tin Baker. No tears were shed by the neighbours on this occasion.

SATURDAY, OCT. 11 Clear & cold - Stiff frost in the morn'g - gr'd frozen - wd N until late in the day when it struck up strong from the S. Merc. gradually rose from 26 to 56 - down in the eve to 45. Completed husking corn for the season - computed at 25 bbl sound - a small part grew in the garden - the other was the produce of the S. meadow - See May 9 - 7th & those days

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BENNINGTON, OCT. 10 1834

John C. Prescho painted figures on cheese casks, but had not quite time to do all - working at it only during PM. In the eve'g after branding as many of the casks as had been been figured, with my name, rubbed over the cheeses in dairy room. There arrived from Hoosick young Hiel K. Parsons with his cousins Ruth Joanne & Jane Lemira Parsons tow'dceve'g - left all well at home. B.R. Sears came down with H. Waters - sawed casing to cheese room door apart to admit taking out the largest casks. H. Waters was accomp'd home by his friend Buck. On Monday last Rob't Temple Esq, President of Rutland Bank shot himself & expired instantly - he did this to prevent falling into the hands of Justice, because he knew facts would be proved against him that would surely carry him to the State Prison. Amongst the most prominent frauds he was said to have committed was forging Pensioners Certificates upon which he had drawn from the Treasury of the U.S. large sums of money - & that for a long course of years - his family were in high standing & very respectable - aged ab't 60 years. Mr Wight ret'd from town with a Penby Magazine for 1833, well bound for \$1.87-1/2. We were well entertained looking in it PM & eve'g Read a part of the article on Printing. Mrs Wrisley told me (she washed for H. Waters' family) that her husband was this day 44 yrs of age - Married in the Fall of 1818. A young man of very easy address called on me late in the day to see if I would purchase a copy of the Bible containing ample abstracts from the greatest Commentaries - Scott, Clarke, &c in 2 Vol's. He did his errand handsomely - but I was firm in withhold ing name therefrom - that is I would not subscribe for the same.

SUNDAY, OCT. 12

Chilly, S. wind, hazy, storm blowing up. Merc. 45-64-67
Perused some good articles in P. Mag. for 1833 -
assisted about cheese, daily weight of which only averaged about 60 lbs had gone down as low as 56. Public Worship was attended by Geo P. Harw'd J..A. Wight & A.M. Harwood - also by the Hoosick ladies 1/2 day. H.K.P. & Hopkins kept aloof - the former drove home past 1 PM with companions.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

Rainy, wind S. a few hours, then changed to NW growin ing cold - did not commence raining until past 10 AM. The thermometer was not observed in the early psrt of the day - at noon stood at 48 - 9 at nigyt 34 - The rumbling of waggons early summoned us to rise. C. Brown sent on 5 teams this morning to receive & carry off the cheese put up for him on the 3d inst. Mr Porter, his agent, went to Bennington B'k, procured money & paid me the full am't of my bill - \$730.48 of which \$12.50 was for casks. For want of change there was a fraction of 2/100 over pay rec'd by me on s'd bill. I had written to the clerk of Mr B. that the cheese should be in perfect readiness - but there were 5 casks to paint, which however was quickly executed by friend Prescho and occasioned no hindrance to the terms - H. Waters assisted in loading casks & afterwards saw Porter pay over the money & assisted in counting it out. Immediately let to H. Waters \$300 on note due 1 day from date. The business next to order was to kill the bull, poor fellow, handsome as a picture, in excellent condition - great pity to do so, but there was no alternative - his quarters

being already mostly bargained away. Let me say he was a noble looking fellow, of fine disposition, would have made a valuable ox had he been put to business, but his fate was fixed and Mr Wight dropped him in a twinkling by the discharge of the old Frenchman well loaded with powder & ball. He afterwards, I mean Mr W., assisted G.P. in dressing the beef which proved to be of fine, fair quality. Isaac Judd Jun br't his mother & sister here to visit H. Waters' people. Rode S. with Isaac to widow Norton's - Norman appeared to be doing good business in his gunsmithing By permission of friend I'c drove to S. Loomis' and there procured a part of so important an article in "Rural Economy" as a calf's ren net - came back to Mrs N's - Mr J. got in, & we came home. Would stop to write that I spent a few moments at the Widow's - found her in good health & fine spirits - one of the best of women - have known her ever since I was a mere child & could never find ought against her - now up'd of 70 years of age. Before dark Isaac was away with his folks. Tho it was rainy rode up after dark and paid to F. Blackmer \$40 in money on a/c - Capt P. Dewey present - enquired all about the late bargain which he esteemed a good one, & the am't of the dairy throughout which I told him perhaps might come up to 1000 dollars the present year - inclusive of butter & c & c. He liked it well - Called at Hinsdill's - got a small travelling trunk there for H. Waters & came home. Have omitted in due order to state that I took up a note held by Sylvanus W. Daniels against Nathan L. Robinson - dated March 7 1831 - paying thereon \$25.43 and afterwards \$1 more which Daniels said Robinson had agreed to allow him over & above the am't of the note - according to an understanding between them - I took his receipts for the same. Sold this day to Harry Warren a waggon box full of refuse boards which he was very solicitous to obtain to form a temporary roof over the cellar he was employed, in these days, in digging, over which he intended erecting a small house - said he'd pay for those boards in labor. H. Waters said he procured 11 bbls apples of Esq Aaron Hubbell at the rate of 50 cs per bbl - which mostly or all applied on subscription towards fire of last March.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 No mistake in regard to cold. Freezing frost over night succeeded by a rather rough day - some snowy in the morn'g, remainder of the day wind came pretty fresh from NW - driving over our heads broken frowning clds. The thermometer was not very accurately observed excepting before sunrise when it stood at 20 - not known to go higher afterwards than 25 during the day. Contrary to usual practice cows late in the morning were baited in the S. meadow previous to being wheyed - the whey in part had to be scalded - something was done at scraping yards - Cousin Geo conveyed beef to customers in one horse waggon - Found people pretty hungry for it & could have done better then to have made previous engagements - it was a fair article & they knew it. To Geo Gilson 167 lbs fore qr at \$2.87-1/2 Orders on Furnace Co. to E. Lyon Esq 149 lbs hind qr #3 payable in lumber, to B.R. Sears 67 lbs at \$3 on a/c. S. Chandler came after his, which weighed 142 lbs at \$3 to apply on a/c - Amount of Quarters sold \$15.55 - add for 94 lbs hide at 5 c \$4.70 - \$20.25 - then 17 lbs tallow & 93 lbs pr qr in the family, bringing the whole up to \$23.25 Newell Squires had the hide. L. Patchin paid for it next day.

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BENNINGTON, OCTOBER 15 1834

During afternoon were called on by the eldest son of Elisha Smedley Esq Hinesburgh, Vt., with wife and two children - the elder one, girl, 3 yrs old - younger, boy - 9 months old - all smart, in good health. Now returning from a visit of 3 or 4 weeks among the lady's relatives at Bridgewater, Conn. He seemed much taken up with dairying - made many inquiries respecting our management, which I answered to the best of my ability, owning at the same time that we were far in rear of what we ought to be in respect to our business - he informed me that he possessed a handsome farm of 200 acres in Hinesburgh principally adapted to grazing & mowing. Had kept 19 cows the present season - which, however, were not better than 13 or 15 good ones properly kept & timed. Like other dairymen of that section had sold his cheese green at 5-1/4 cs. Had sustained a dead loss of say \$500 by being security for his brother-in-law, but it would not break him down. Had but 1 sister & 1 brother. Walked with me up to the pasture to see the cows with which appeared well pleased, considering them to be in higher condition than any he had seen on his whole route. After taking tea & keeping up a very free & interesting conversation while here, late in the day left to go & tarry with Esq Perez Harwood & family - promising to do so by us at next fall. They had never seen cheeses before of such large size as ours - one of the largest of which laying in the cheese house, not sent off on account of fracture, being exhibited to him & his lady. He said the rage for emigrating to Michigan & those parts had in some measure subsided - even now, good farms could be purchased at the rate of \$17 per acre.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Before we proceed with the details of this day let us say what we would say of the 14th.

House pretty full in the eve'g of apple parers - none however from among the neighbors. Geo Robinson came here early in the eve'g & went away again. Perused an article in Penny Mag. on horse-racing in Italy where it is practiced very different from the mode prevalent in our country. The old Boardman back-house, built say 50 yrs ago by Elijah Boardman Esqr, Tanner in those days, was lately in part demolished saving only a few feet of the E. end. It was in the first place about 46 feet in length by 26 in width. Our neighbor Godfrey, who during the past season managed a small dairy on the farm of major L. Norton, on Monday of the present week started for N. York with most of it, on a venture. Sam'l H. Brown, on or about the 8th left for Connecticut with his lady & Mrs Sanford, his boy Sam'l & the babe. Mr Wight this evening amused himself reading "Kirk White". Now we will enter upon the 15th. It was a wintry morning, though pleas't - cloudy sky - held so I think through the day. Merc. in the morning at 20 - noon 56 - 38 at sunset. Rather chilly at best. We contin'd scraping yards - a quantity of lumber piled together that had been seasoning ever since last Spring. I went to E. Fay's & bro't home the road scraper which had been lent them, having occasion to use it. They said something of getting a barrel of cider - for which I told them I should charge \$2 - Jonas F. Billing having just been to our house & agreed to pay that sum and take 4 barrels.

J.C.Presho & our Hopkins were out of school - PM assisted at work. Evening, Geo., Hopkins & self rode to L.Patchin & Co's store - Rec'd pay L.Patchin in full \$4.70 for 94 lbs bull beefhide - left with N.Squires on the 14th - Paid to the Company or Firm - on a/c \$95 for which took receipt handsomely drawn by Cha's Robinson - There were a number of persons present among whom recognized David Robinson Jun who had some enquiry to make concerning the sale of our cheese this year - alluding also to that - presuming I felt as dissatisfied now as then. No, I replied, my satisfaction on that score was complete & entire - or words to that effect - He wanted butter in advance of what he had bespoken - told him it could not be supplied. Mr P. likewise wished some - he rec'd the same negative answer. Came down to Sanford & Brown's - gave notice I would pay them some money this evening - walked into the shop of Benj W.Jackson who bro't forward his book - examined charges - found due him \$4.18 which I paid in full - He mentioned one article not included in the reckoning - 8 lbs cheese sold July 11th which was so out of my recollection, could not tell the am't - ascertained soon after coming home that it was 48 cs. He shewed us those skins which I sold to him on or about the 27th June last, very fairly tanned, fine substantial leather - well dressed off by N.Squires - Mr J. wonderfully pleased - told us the average weight was 1-1/2 lbs making them worth about \$1.42 a piece - proving at once that a tanner could well afford to pay us 62-1/2 cs a piece for them green. Present David Rudd, P.Ishaam & young McEwen. Walked over to Sanford & Brown's, paid on a/c \$13 - took receipt for the same by the hand of young Henry V.D.Spiegel - Seymour Merrill not present - saw G.Robinson there. Drove home & sat up late. Rec'd letter from my uncle Jonas Harwood - last date Sept 29. On the 14th paid by the hand of Geo.P.Harwood \$6.87-1/2 in full to John Harwood - See Sept 26th

This morning started for Warrensburgh, N.Y. H.Waters & lady with their 2 children on a visit to H's mother residing with her eldest son Sam'l.Judd. Respecting the weather, it was cldy, chilly, slightly rainy at night. Cold frosty morn'g. Merc. 23 - did not see it higher afterwards than 56 - sunset 42 - But here this should read for the 16th & so it must.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 Remarks on weather see above - Six loads manure were carted into N.Meadow, chiefly by father & Geo P.

Rode with my lady to Swift & Hinsdill's or Hinsdill & Swift's, bo't goods of various description amount'g to upwards of \$10 - booked - raising the debt to that house to a sum exceeding \$50. E.H.Swift was present himself & on speaking to him in regard to payment should be at my option whether in Nov. or first of Jan'y as originally agreed on. While my partner was employed in selecting her articles I was looking at books - amongst which saw a fine copy of an Octavo Polyglott Bible - handsomely bound, printed at Hartford, Conn't - Seeing a periodical called "Greenbanks" "Library" published at Philadelphia - borrowed the first Vol. well half bound at 62-1/2 cs pr vol. at auction

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Granny Chandler & another lady appeared to be doing business there. Having closed our concern - rode to Col Brackenridge's - purchased all the rennets he had on hand - which added to what I had had - made 1/2 doz for which paid him \$1 - Complained to him of the bad quality of those we had purchased the present season of other butchers - he replied that he never sold poor ones - last spring could have supplied me with as many as forty nice ones which had been kept over the year. I TOLD HIM to save me a quantity for our use next season - promised he would. His family bding about to sit down to tea, he very politely requested me to bring in my wife, she being left in the wagg. & sup with them. I declined the offer in as good style as I knew how - left & came home by the new Road. Leonard Robinson bridge & Court House Hill. Presho liked Greenbanks Library.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 Cldy - havy S. wind - expected rain. Merc. morn'g 48 Night 62. Walling was pursued as mentioned Sept 16. Drove up street at night accomp'd by my son who in fact did the driving called at the P. Office - rec'd line through the letter box - sent for gall lamp oil at L.P. & Co's - left with Dr N. Swift (Cashier gone to Montpelier \$75) TO TAKE UP NOTE OF Aug 27 which the Dr feeling not disposed to visit the Bank for suffered it to remain over night with the assurance that the interest would be allowed me on the money the crest of the time to the end of three months - See Aug 27. Called at F. Blackmer's - saw H. Black'r, Capt P. Dewey & Mr joiner Buck - The first talked favorably of the McAdam Road to Troy - the last requested for himself & fellow journeymen to keep Sunday with us in the absence of H. Waters - Granted at once - Recd Spect of Oct 13 - came home, read very good news Maryland, Delaware & Connecticut all gone against the Hero & V. Buren - With fears as to the contents - opened my line - which proved to be from cois. N.L. Robinson, announcing his arrival from Troy with 1 bbl L. oil which he would sell me at 90 cs if should want 6 or 10 G's - had bo't me a small bar of iron for spikes - 75" - Cous Samuel had purchased me a scale beam for \$3 which he had also brought out. Dr H. Swift sent home the colt which he took to pasture 5th June. Last payment made under this date was to Miss Betsey Street for making suit for Hopkins, previous to his going to Stockbridge - \$2. - She was sitting in S.H. Browns new S. kitchen. Notice of J. Harwood's letter - contin'd from under date of Sept 7 - Dixon he said presumed me to be of the same Political Faith - He told him not - hoped he was right in his opinion - for he believed me to possess more judgment than to uphold such a tyrant. Expected Ohio would have a hard struggle next election - but was in hopes the Whigs would win the day. The Tories, continued he, use the Bank for their hobby in electioneering - but keep back from saying anything about Post Office frauds. Had not seen Erastus Taylor (one of my cousins on my mothers side) for 3 years - did not know how he was doing - lives about 15 miles from Parkman. Intended paying him a visit when going to visit the German doctor - Next follows a heavy complaint against the children for neglecting him in sickness & old age - was sure they drew not the disposition from him - for he watched with his father night after night & that it was his duty to do so. A child, he said, ought to honor a parent & not let him suffer from care while sick - But not to come & see him, nor even to write to let him know

where he was (There seems to be something wanting in this sentence which I shall not presume to supply) A father, he goes on to say, may lay out hundreds of dollars for a child and they (he) will not thank one for it but will grumble because they have (he has) not done more. Was afraid his girls had not made out very well in marriage. His youngest was married & lived in Painesville, O., last winter - removed to Ferrisburgh on the Miami - husband taken sick - should have to take him home or something to that effect, hard to determine his meaning as there might have been wanting a word in the text. Since beginning to write had visited the German Doct who told him his liver was disordered - gave it as his opinion that he could not cure him. Had since been very low, thought he could not live long - but now about the close of Sept his health was so much improved as to enable him to walk about - concluded by careful attention should get well again. Had called at E. Taylor's when going to see the German Physician - Erastus & his cous Bohan Dewey were off peddling washing machines somewhere in the State of New York. Hife wanted me to write whether father Taylor were yet living, as they had rec'd no letter from him the last 5 years. Wanted to have Gep P. come & see him, & live with him during winter. Had no men's help except what he procured by the day - Did not know long it would be before he should be able to do any work - for he was a mere skeleton, skin & bones. Hoped he, Geo P., would not let his father suffer. Requested to know the age of his friend Capt Asa Doty, for what purpose I am not exactly sure, but presume it is something in relation to his drawing a Revolutionary pension which he has enjoyed for a number of years. At the close of his letter expressed a wish to write more - but was too weak to hold on - so giving respects to all - gave his name at the bottom. Can't recollect when he wrote me before. Could not be less than 8 or 10 years. My last to him I believe was by John Doty.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 Warm, cldy, very high S. wd - some of the time very fair. Father & Geo P. contin'd employed on wall as dated above. After maneauvering about takin off beard & c drove to uncle S. Robinson's. Being invited to dinner waited awhile - took up a book of Missionary Travels, could read but drily on account of drowsiness which was owing in some measure to premature rising in the morning. Uncle S. SOON CAME UP with the boy, having been very closely busied in digging potatoes. After spending a portion of time consulting with our cous & aunt none of the children being at home excepting cousin Amanda - Nathan & Harr't Albro gone to Troy, came away with scale beam and small bar of iron - which last left at S. Chandler's - Bo't of a married lady at the old Field house - stranger to me - a rennet for which pd 12-1/2 cs - Halted at gen'l Robinson's learned from Capt Heman who was with his boys E. of the Academy gathering scattering fruit - that Aaron Hubbell Esq had a mill at which cider could be made - should go on to make his on the morrow. Cousin Uel M.R. had a quantity to make into cider - desired that we would put ours in & go snacks on honorable terms - agreed to let him know on Monday evening how we should proceed. Saw Capt A. Hyde who after some talk on elections & c said if he should get starved out for butter - should send to our house & get it - by main force if no other way. Got Spect. of Oct 16 & came home accomp'd by Hopkins. Presho went home to Benton's - Buck, Leander Somebody & Geo Robinson, the hands of H. Waters' came to keep Sabbath with us. Early on the 18th Merc. stood 53 rose to 73 - perhaps to 80 - eve 66 to 67.

